

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

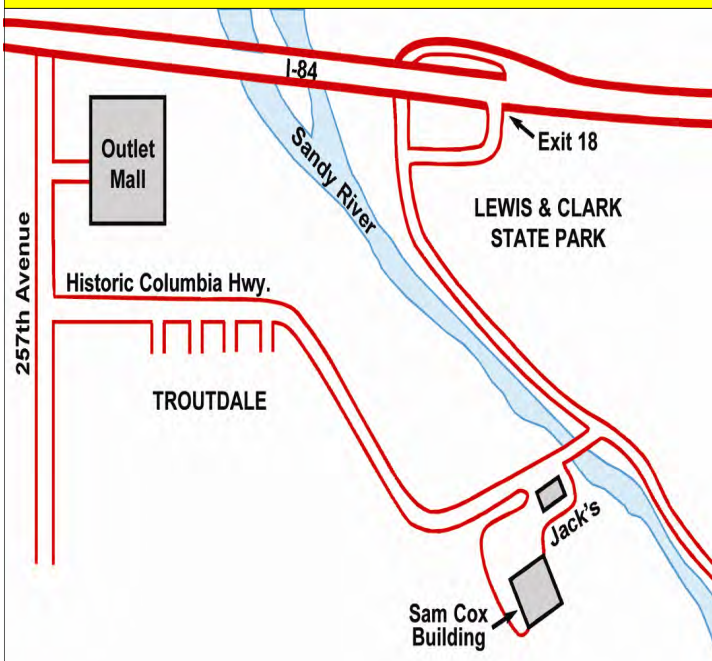
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This months' program - Tillamook Bay and its' rivers

Guest Speakers... Experts!

Expert chapter members will talk about fishing Tillamook bay and how to fish coastal rivers for Salmon. We will also have info on where to fish for salmon from the bank and from a drift boat with tips and techniques. We will have the meeting covered with a variety of info to help you out on Salmon fishing the coast.

Next Meeting- First Wednesday of October. That's the 6th !



Our Chapter Officers-

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You could win big!

Well its that time of year again when we start to sell the Association Raffle tickets. The association has made some changes in the selling process. The tickets will cost a dollar a piece, with the only break being that if you buy a book of 25 tickets it will cost you twenty dollars. This was to simplify the accounting process at the association office to help with what the department of justice would like to have happen. Here is my challenge. I would like for every member to buy at least one book of tickets. Joe Blum is our chapter ticket coordinator and you can get your tickets from him. He doesn't have the tickets yet. But when he gets them here is the challenge. If you sell a hundred dollars worth of tickets or if you personally buy a hundred dollars worth of tickets you will receive a trip with lunch on the sandy. If you sell 75 dollars worth of tickets your name will go into a drawing for one of our chapters hooded sweat shirts. PS. I still owe a couple of trips because date issues. I will take care of them ASAP. All I can say is that the guys who were able to go had a great time and some fish were caught and one lost anchor. **Tight lines and Good Luck Fishing. Jeff Stoeger Pres.**

Chapter Raffle Ticket Coordinator

Joe Blum has graciously volunteered to be the chapter raffle ticket coordinator for both the Alaska trip and the drift boat raffles. If a member receives tickets from Joe to sell he will be given the tickets and a bookkeeping sheet. When it is time to turn in the paperwork, money, and ticket stubs DO NOT turn into anybody but Joe all other officers etc will refuse to accept them. If you cannot make the meeting and need to turn in the above mentioned items please contact Joe either by email at icecreaman310@hotmail.com or by phone at 503-704-2483 to make the proper arrangements to deliver the goods. Thank you for your cooperation. **Joe Blum**

New Salmon Festival is headed our way

After a gap of several years the Salmon Festival, previously held at Oxbow Park, has been revived at Mount Hood Community College. Scheduled for Sunday November 7th, it represents an opportunity for the chapter to contact interested members of the public and network with other groups on things concerning the Sandy River and its fish.

Be a part of it by volunteering! Sign up and talk to Art Israelson at the October Chapter meeting. He'll have a sign up sheet, and naturally it counts towards your volunteer hours so keep track of them and turn them in. Hey...you may even win a prize!



Presidents' Note

Hello to All. We have a lot of things that are taking place in the next couple of months. I first want to thank everyone who showed up to river clean up on 9/25. Tom said that we had 20+ members show up for this event. I guess that we picked up around 600 lbs of garbage that I saw at the end of the day. Next we have a couple of clinic coming up. It will be a first for us to put a clinic on at the Gresham Bi- Mart store on October 30th. It will start at 12 and go to 2 pm. We're also planning on putting a couple of other clinics on at both Fisherman's stores in November. We will have our second annual steelhead clinic on Nov 13th at Glen Otto Park, from 9-2. We will have some great presenters who will offer some great tips. So mark you calendar, and try to make one of these clinics.

Have you planed on attending our chapter fish a-long on October 22-24th. Please see the note in this issue of our news letter. Thanks to Norm and Joli Ritchie for all there help in organizing this event.

On Sunday November 7th there is a Salmon Festival at Multnomah Falls for everyone. See the info in this news letter.

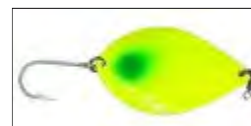
Have you been out fishing in the last couple of weeks? There is some member in our chapter that has done really well. I know of a couple of guys who have caught limits and then some. So get out there and try your luck.

Thanks, Jeff Stoeger Pres.

Chapter Banquet and Auction December 1st.

It's that time of year when the chapter starts to plan for our Banquet and Auction. This event, is the one event I look forward to each year. You can do your Christmas shopping for your favorite some one and save some money. Well there will be a change to this years event. We will not have the Banquet part of this event for we will not have a kitchen to cook and prepare the food in. The City of Troutdale has decided to remodel the entire kitchen and up grade all the sinks, stoves and cabinets. So they decided to start the demolition in November and wont be done until mid December. With this being said and done, the chapter has discussed this with our gracious banquet coordinator. We decided to go with finger foods and dessert for this event. The chapter will cover all the expenses. The chapter is looking for donation for this event. If you would like to donate to this event please contact Leslie Hinea. All donation must be like new or new. If you have items that are not new or like new and still want to donate them to the chapter. The chapter will still take them at a later date have a larger garage sale will all the proceeds going to the chapter. If you have any question. Please fill free to call me at 503-704-7920, this is my cell #. The doors will open at 6:30 pm to look at silent items with auction portion taking place between 7:00- 7:15pm. I hope to see you all at this event.

Thanks, Jeff Stoeger. President.



Highlights of Chapter Board Minutes-

• I New Business

1. Mark Anderson of First Bite Jigs and Brandon Glass of Hook Up Guide Service have agreed to participate in the chapter's 11/13 steelhead clinic to be held at the Glen Otto Hall from 9:00-2:00. Details are still in the planning stages. Additionally, the chapter is hosting clinics at Bi-Mart 10/30/10 from 10:00-noon, and at FMS (both stores) on 11/6. Jeff Stoeger and Jeff Kirkman are heading up these projects. If you wish to volunteer time to any of these activities, please contact either member.
2. We are working on improving the newsletter and its distribution. If you are not receiving the newsletter via the mail or online, please contact a board member. If more members would sign up to receive the newsletter on your computer rather than a hard copy, many \$\$\$ could be saved and used for other projects.
3. The ever popular fall fish-a-long is planned for 10/22-24/10 with a new twist this year: a derby. Norm recently sent an email with all of the necessary information. If you did not receive this email and need more information, contact Norm or Jeff S. It was generally thought that Colonel would be the likely winner of this event with largest and most fish. However, several board members would not concede him the trophy, yet. Boat assignments will be made at the event and maps with bank fishing locations will be available.
4. Apparently, people are not contributing the asked for \$.25 per coffee, which means we are not taking in what we expending for this service. Additionally, we are running out of cookies at each meeting. Do we bring more cookies or remind members to make sure the donations for cookies is being made?
5. Our regular fall clean-up is scheduled for 9/23 at Glen Otto, and the immediate surrounding area. Additionally, a group will visit Dabney. All garbage collected will be returned to G.O. for a picture. There is a no host breakfast at Dea's beginning at 7:30 with the event planned for 9:00. Interested participants should contact Tom Gemelli.
6. On the same day as the clean-up, there is a fishing event planned for the Mt. Hood C. College pond. **These exciting minutes continued on page 6**

THE GREAT 2010/11 STEELHEAD CHAPTER COOKIE LIST

October 6 th	Joe Blum
November 3 rd	Rob Gibbs
January 5 th	Bill Beith
February 2 nd	Jeff Kirkman
March 4 th	Howard Berg
April 6 th	Tom Gemelli
May 4 th	Patty Hemsley
June 1st	??????????

We have a spot open in June on for a cookie volunteer, so this might be your chance to distinguish yourself in the chapter. And have a cookie....
Howard Berg , Chapter cookie manager

Who Likes Coffee ???? I love to have a nice cup of Coffee. I spend \$2.00 for a Starbucks Venta coffee. Do you like Cookies. I spend .75 for a large peanut butter cookie. Where is this going. We have coffee and cookies at all our meeting. We make 80 cup of coffee and some one provides 72 cookies. All we ask is that you make a small donation to our coffee and cookie fund. Last month we took in just \$4.70 in donations. The coffee fund should be self providing, taking enough money to replace the coffee that is drank. Also limit your self to one or two cookies. If we have 60 people show up and every one takes a hand full. some one isn't going to get one. So if you take a cup of coffee and a cookie drop .50 cents into the bucket. If we keep loosing money on this, we will have to stop having coffee at the meetings. **Jeff Stoeger**



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Chapter Board Minutes (continued)

7. We are well into the planning and organizing for the chapter auction, which is our only fund raiser for the entire year. We are always looking for new or in new condition items for this event. If you have an item - even unused gift cards - and would like picked up, contact a board member. You can also help by attending this popular event 12/1/10 at the hall from 6:30-9:00(?). Bring your Christmas shopping lists, friends and a wallet, cash and checks only.

8. The distribution of fish eggs to participating schools is planned for 11/18, volunteers are still needed for this worthwhile project.

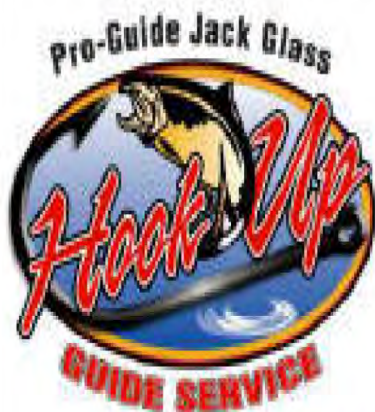
9. Ray's Frost Bite Follies is tentatively planned for 2/19. To cover the costs of the outstanding hot lunch provided, the fee will be \$20 per angler.

10. The association will be involved in the activity at Multnomah Falls planned for 11/7 - details were sent to the mailing list earlier this week and volunteers will not be turned down.

11. To improve communication the association is planning a monthly phone conference. Additionally, if you have interest in serving on the association board or in any helpful capacity, contact Jay. Several board positions are coming available.

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Mark Anderson

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 !**

Volunteers needed... — ODFW would like some Sandy Steelheader volunteers to help out at their Youth Angling Event at Mt. Hood Community College. It all takes place Saturday October 9th, 8:30 to 2pm. **Contact Howard Berg- 503 665-8008**

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!

Volunteer of the Month

Colonel Thomas

Colonel is always active in chapter affairs, digging up donations for the auction, selling used items for shockingly low prices at chapter meetings, running a numbers racket ...oops, lets not talk about *that* here.

Any way, he's always around, nosing up a way to do some good for the chapter.

Today I saw him and he told me he thinks about auction items all year round...if he finds a potential donation he's on it! No waiting around until "Auction Season".

He's helped out on a zillion projects and just keeps involved.

Good job Colonel!

Sandy River Chapter, ANWS

Volunteer Hours Record

Member Name_____

Event/ Activity_____

Date_____ **Hours**_____

One Last Cast

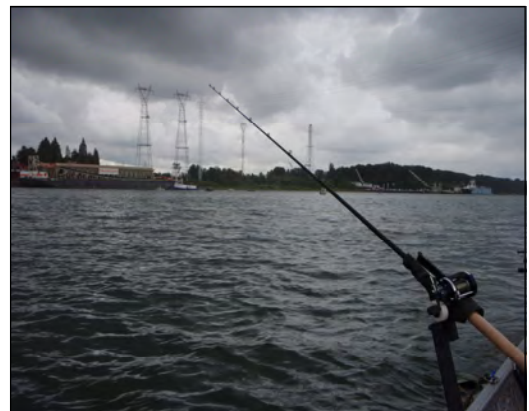
By *Navigator*

Fishing is an experience, an escape, a high. It is a sanctuary, refuge, hiding; an activity, an existence. Sure it is nice to catch a fish. But, catching is the end that justifies the means. One goes for the means, not the end. That is why it is called fishing, not catching.

As I write this (Saturday, September 18th), I am enjoying the rain. I know it is an irritation for many wanting to get that last home or garden project done, or that last weekend being outside and enjoying a final bit of summer. But despite this irritation, many things are enjoying this rain - pastures, forests, rivers and streams. The soils are no longer impoverished, no longer dry. The rain has rejuvenated the forest floor, quenching the thirst of the trees and the moss. As the soil becomes saturated; the rain begins to fill our creeks and rivers. And with the rising creeks and rivers come the salmon.

There is a reason why fisher folk say "one more cast"; "five more minutes"; - over and over again at the end of the day. When I am out fishing - I am enjoying the outdoors. I have fished in the most pristine of places and in some of the least pristine. But, there is always a piece of nature - if not the water itself and not knowing what exactly is below the surface. I try not to judge one place verse another - I simply enjoy. If there is litter, I pick it up. I leave the place better than when I found it. It is amazing how fast time goes by - just staring at the end of a fishing rod. Or watching a fly drift down the river. Or feeling the bounce of your lead along the bottom. Or the thump, thump, thump of a spinner. Fishing is existential. I empty my mind of all thoughts - except fishing. Sure, something sneaks in from time to time about what is going on in life - but the fishing takes over. Waiting, anticipating - thinking ahead. What to try next. Hoping that the rhythm of it all is interrupted. And how exciting when it is - the pull, the jump, the battle.

Every day on the river, on the water, must come to an end. The "one more cast"; "five more minutes" is the transition back to life. There comes a time when you must mean it. You do reel in that last time. There have been some days where the last cast ends up with a fish. You remember those. Everyday fishing is a blessing. Catching is just a bonus.



October 2010

Sandy River Chapter -Schedule of Events -October 2010 Sandy River Chapter

Tillamook Fish-A-Long

October 22-24

Tillamook Fairgrounds details in flyer sent out by Norm Ritchie

Cost: \$50.00 per angler plus share of boat expenses

BiMart - Steelhead Clinic

October 30, 2010

10:00 A.M. - Noon

Gresham Bi-Mart

Volunteers needed

Contact Jeff Kirkman- 503 250-0724

Fisherman's Marine and Outdoor - Steelhead Clinic

November 6, 2010

Volunteers needed

Contact Jeff Kirkman- 503 250-0724

Time to be announced

Both locations

MHCC Fishing Event -

Volunteers needed

November 7, 2010

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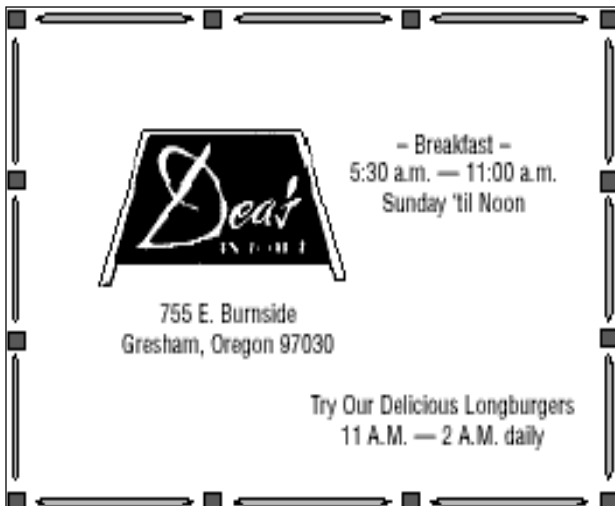
Details in November newsletter

Sandy River Chapter

Steelhead Clinic

November 13,2010

9:00 A.M. To 2 P.M. Glenn Otto Park, Sam Cox Building



Tired of your buddies story about the giant steel-head he *almost caught*? Tune him out with some coffee and a big plate of French toast at Dea's. Get bacon with that too, this story is likely to go on for awhile. The coffee , unlike the story, is fresh....holy moly..what would the story be like if he ever *caught* a fish...? Geez.....

Larry Palmer

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