

## Our Mission Statement

The Association of NWSteelheaders Anglers dedicated to enhancing and protecting fisheries and their habitats for today and the future

## October 2016, Sandy River Chapter Newsletter

### MEETING DATE: Wednesday, October 5

The Sandy River Chapter of the Northwest Steelheaders will meet Wednesday, October 5, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Sam Cox Building, Glenn Otto Community Park, 1102 E. Columbia River Highway, Troutdale, OR.

### October 5th PROGRAM

#### Brandon Wedam of B & R Tackle

Don't miss the opportunity to meet Brandon Wedam from B & R Tackle. He will share with us his knowledge of twitching jigs that they make for Coho fishing. We will also learn how effective these jigs are and how they are to be used.

### SANDY RIVER CHAPTER: UPCOMING EVENTS

#### OCTOBER

5 Chapter Meeting, Glenn Otto Park  
12 Sandy River Chapter Board Meeting  
13-15 SHOT Tournament, Tillamook, OR  
County Fairground

#### NOVEMBER

2 Chapter Meeting, Glenn Otto Park  
5 Sandy River Chapter & ODFW  
Steelhead 101 (Workshop)  
Glenn Otto Community Park  
9 Sandy River Chapter Board Meeting  
12 Association Annual Hall of Fame  
Banquet and Auction. Wilsonville  
Holiday Inn  
15 or 22 Sandy River Chapter, Riverside/  
Park Cleanup. **Date** depends on weather.



## 2016 - VOLUNTEER HOURS

**Volunteer:**

Please e-mail hours monthly to Beverly Betzer at: Bbetzer@wayne-dalton.com  
Or complete this form and turn in at our Chapter meetings

**Volunteers needed. Sandy River Chapter,  
NW Steelheaders/ODFW Steelhead Fishing 101 (Workshop)  
November 5, Sam Cox Building, Glenn Otto Community Park  
Plus**

**A shore fishing trip on the Sandy River, November 19 for  
Workshop participants and Sandy River Chapter Members**

BY LARRY PALMER

Our next ODFW/ Steelhead 101 event (Workshop) will be held **Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>** in the Sam Cox Building at Glenn Otto Park. Volunteers, please arrive at 8 AM for setup, the Workshop will begin at 9 AM and lasts until 4 PM. As always, coffee, water, snacks and lunch will be provided for volunteers.

Join us for a shore fishing trip on the Sandy River from 8 AM until 1 PM on **Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**. All workshop participants and chapter members are encouraged to come along. Meet in the Glenn Otto parking lot just before 8 AM on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

All volunteers at the Workshop will be eligible to win a drift boat fishing trip by the tried and true method of drawing your name out of a hat. However...in order to draw your name out of the hat, I must have it! Send me a message of your willingness to volunteer at [palmerlarryd@yahoo.com](mailto:palmerlarryd@yahoo.com).

The Workshop will cover drift fishing, bobbers and jigs/worms, tying knots and all the skills you'd need to get started steelhead fishing from shore.

November 5<sup>th</sup> will be here before you know it, so help me with planning by volunteering today.

**To volunteer, you can also see JIM CATHCART at the October 5<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sandy River Chapter meetings to register to help with the NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> WORKSHOP.**

**To Register for Steelhead 101:** [www.odfw.com](http://www.odfw.com) then to:

ODFW Fish Division, Event Calendar, November 2016, Steelhead Fishing 101, Find Out More > and Register

# **“When I Was A Boy.....”**

**By Hobart Manns**

Many years ago, in an era when the world was not as politically correct as now, things happened that today would be impossible. Case in point, at the start of WW II most of the able bodied men went off to serve the country. This left lots of work open to anyone who wished to do it. My family lived in the country at this time, between Gresham and Parkrose. Our grade school had 16 in the eighth grade class and everyone knew most folks for several miles around. Unlike today, when this area has six high schools, we had two.

When I had free time from chores and work at home, we would take off and go down to the sloughs. Here we could fish for just about anything you might imagine-most of the time the fish of choice was bullhead catfish. Today these little critters are at the bottom of the choice for table fare, but again this is a different time and with meat being rationed a dinner of fresh fried catfish was a welcome meal.

With practice, we came to know just where to fish for cats and which worms they liked best. Soon the three of us who fished for cats figured out that if we took a shovel with us (and half filled the slough) that we could catch more fish faster than before. This practice stopped when the farmer found out who we were. After that we fished on his land like we were camouflaged snipers and without a shovel. Times have changed.

The first lure I ever made was crafted of this time. We found a job pulling weeds for a local truck gardener at 15 cents an hour, which was great money for kids in 1942. The work rules were simple: no talking, keep your head down looking for weeds and make sure you got all the roots. Well it just so happened that we ate our lunches on the bridge over the slough, so tossing our left-over bread crumbs into the slough was a natural thing to do. Well it did not take too many days until the carp started to feed on the bread crumbs offered just at noon. The sight of these big fish really turned me on and I wanted to catch them.

The “bread crust” plug was born. Using some scrap balsa wood, I carved a chunk into the shape of a piece of bread crust. The next step was to use airplane model paint to make it brown and white. Hooks and a line were added making it fishable. The next day using a hand line to cast it, the stage was set. The lure whirled in the air a couple of times and then launched into the water. The ‘bread crust’ plug was allowed to drift with the current along with a real piece or two of bread.

Soon one of those big old carp gulped down that plug and took off. Well, the thirty pound Cuttyhunk line and a ten pound fish were not an even battle, I won. That was fish number one on the “bread crust” plug. Three fish later and our lunch hour was over, the man we worked for showed up. With his hands clasped behind his back he asked what we were up to and I explained. Then he explained that we were supposed to rest during the lunch break not have fun. Then he further explained that we now were unemployed.

That great thrill of getting those fish on a plug I made was spoiled by the thought of explaining to my mother why we lost our first job. Several days later the farmer called us back to work possibly thinking we had learned a lesson, which was and never forgotten.

In today’s world with child labor laws, most of these things could not happen. Working while 12 years old is a bad thing, fishing closed waters and eating catfish from these toxic waters is a “no-no” today. What greater learning experience could one have than seeing that the best job in the world might be fishing and getting paid to do it? It just took away too many years for this to become a reality.

This article reprinted courtesy of Freshwater News and Hobart Manns.

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# 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Down the River Clean Up, Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> on the Clackamas River was a success

BY Tim Wilson

A big thank you to all NWSteelheaders who participated in the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Down the River Clean Up on the Clackamas, Sponsored by Love Clean Rivers and the Clackamas River Basin Council.

Tim Wilson, NWSH Columbia River Regional Director, reports it was a great day with 200 volunteers coming out to help clean up on land, on water, and under water along 23 miles of the Clackamas River. In total, 1.8 tons of trash and recyclables were collected. Of the 1.8 tons collected, 21% was recycled (aluminum cans, glass, plastic, metal and paper). Hats off to a great success!

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## Have questions about your rods, reels, tackle?

Take your fishing equipment and questions to our chapter meetings where experienced Chapter Members will be glad to help you solve your problems. This message brought to you by Sandy Chapter President, Steve Rothenbucher.

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## Spawning Salmon – Tanner Creek

By Anthony Redro

These photos of returning all 'tule' Chinook salmon were captured while I laid on my belly partially sub-merged in Tanner Creek. These fish were pressing ahead on the last leg of an epic 145-mile journey up the Columbia River after years of growing large and roaming vast distances in the Pacific Ocean. At eye level above the water's rippling surface I could see their spotted backs, dorsal fins and tails while below my frozen fingers aimed my camera in their general direction randomly pressing the shutter button while I hoped for the best.



# Columbia River Fishing Brings Success

By Larry Palmer (With A LITTLE ADD ON INFORMATION)

It was a lucky Friday September 23, for Larry Palmer and his guest, Bill Erdle (who, by the way is a former Sandy River Chapter Member) on the Columbia River by the mouth of the Sandy River. The secret of success was using a Pro Troll white flasher and silver and blue Brads Cut Plug lure, stuffed with canned tuna. We show Bill with his 'big one that did not get away' and Larry's catch picture will have to wait for another day. They had a great day out on the water and hope to do it again soon. Two fish in the boat is a good outing!



Larry says it was enjoyable fishing with past club member Bill Erdle. Maybe we will soon see them on the water again.



## Joint crab-a-long and fish-a-long with McLoughlin chapter



McLoughlin Chapter had its annual Crab along in combination with Sandy Chapters fish along this year and the fishing and Crabbing turnout great. We had a total of 23 members between the two chapters and everyone had a great time at the pizza feed on Friday and fishing both days. Saturday was blessed with warm and sunny and the fishing brought in a 30 pounder by Norm Ritchie, Jean Davis hooked up with her first ever King pulled in by herself at 20lbs. 8oz she also caught a Coho about 12 lbs. Dale hooked up two jacks one a Coho and the other a King, Kim Howard also pulled in a nice fish and Tom Smoot ended up with one King at 19lbs and and one Coho, Other fish were caught but did not receive a a report from the other members. Crabbing was done both days and a total of about 72 were brought back for the dinner Saturday. Jean Davis brought in the largest at 7 inches, all Crabs ranged from 6 to 7 and none were large enough in the bay

**By Tom Smoot**



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**October 13 - 15, 2016**

**County Fairgrounds, Tillamook, OR**

**Teams of 3 Anglers**

**Registration Dinner,**

**Awards Banquet, Hosted Bar,**

**Trophies, Door Prizes, Biggest Fish**

**and Total Catch Side Pools, Silent**

**Auction, Commemorative gifts,**

**Give it your best SHOT! Photo Contest, and more!**

**Overnight Accommodations**

Tillamook has some great motels and camp grounds but if you are on a limited budget we have a bit more rustic solution - Stay at the Tillamook Fairground! The fairground's 4-H Bunkhouse and RV electrical and water hookups are available. See the registration form for costs. Bunkhouse guests need to bring a sleeping bag or bedding and shower, shaving kit, etc.

**Door Prizes**

Everybody gets a prize! While most come from our donors, each team is to donate a prize (minimum \$25 value) representing the team and the joy of fishing. Bring your team donation to registration.

**Register Today**

Mail the form on the back, call 503-653-4176 or go to [www/nwsteelheaders.org/events/shot](http://www/nwsteelheaders.org/events/shot)

## **September Fish-A-Long Was A Success**

If you did not attend the September Fishing and Crabbing events, you missed a great weekend. Weather was real Oregon: a day of sun and a day of rain but everyone had a smile on their face. Having the clothes dryer available helped too!

Fish were caught, pictures were taken but as you see, the recap articles must be lost in the mail! Thank you to those who ventured out crabbing! The catching was good and so was the eating.

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## **29th Annual Hall of Fame Banquet and Auction Saturday November 12th, Wilsonville, Holiday Inn**

Check the Sandy River Chapter electronic Event Calendar for details on the Hall of Fame Banquet and Auction. Information will be posted as soon as it is received.

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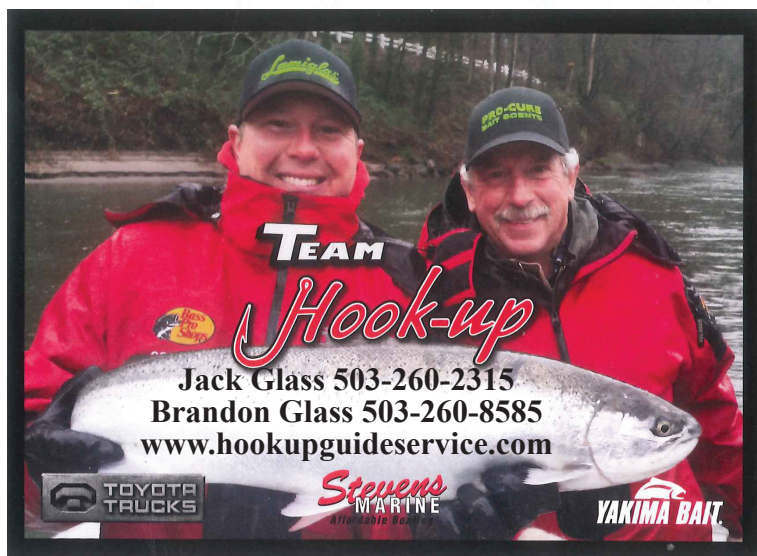
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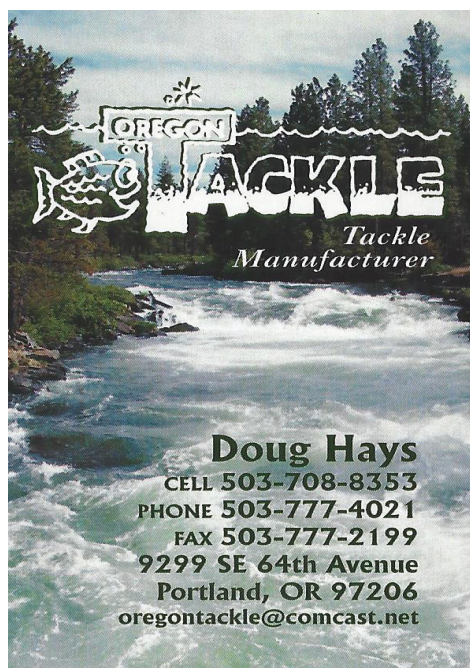
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