

SANDY RIVER CHAPTER Newsletter

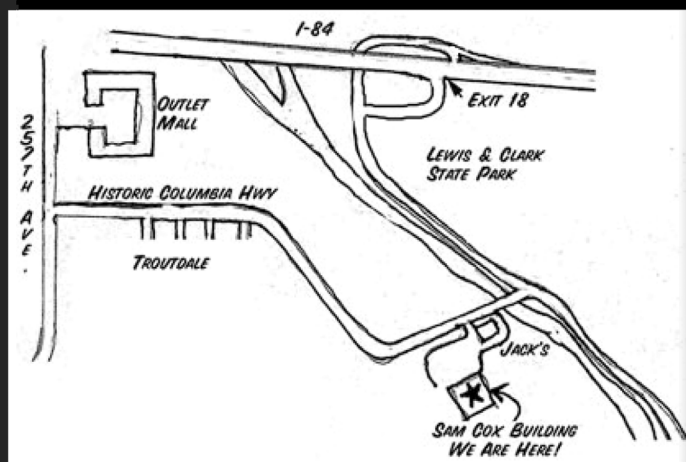
*A Member Chapter of the
Association of Northwest Steelheaders*

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 - Our guest speaker for November will be Art Israelson. Art is an expert in water safety and has a lot of knowledge on the do's and the don'ts when it come to surviving if you happen to fall into a freezing river. He will talk about life jackets and PFD's. Also Art will share some very important info on buying (**see next page**)

**Next Meeting- First Wednesday
of November. That's the 4th !**

Meeting Map



Our Chapter Officers-

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Twelfth Annual Banquet Auction

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. There are still places at the table for the buffet, and a great value at \$15 a person, so contact Joli Ritchie to reserve your spot! Joli and Kathryn's cooking is not to be missed. It's great food and plenty of it.

The banquet will be followed by our auction and Door prize "raffle". 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.

The Board is busy putting together a great auction for you. But, we can use your help. We are still looking for new or gently used items. Got anything like that around the house that you'd like to donate? If you do, 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) at (360) 892-0473. The donated value of any item is tax deductible and we will provide a receipt.

Some of the items we'll have for you this year include Lamiglas rods and guided trips for winter steelhead from our own Jack Glass, Brandon Glass and Trevor Storlie. We also have a fantastic driftboat trip on the Clearwater River in Idaho. We have jewelry, gift baskets, garden bling from Don Perry Metal Art, artwork, board games (for family game night!), sporting goods, fishing lures and lots more.

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

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Number of dinners: _____

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Call Joli @ 503-760-5551



Monthly program (continued)

the correct type of life jackets and how to properly fit them, so they will work save your life.

Art is a retired fireman/EMT rescue tech who has boated the big waters of the Grand Canyon twice , as well as Idaho's' Salmon River and other big rapids so he knows his stuff. He was also on the ski rescue team on Mt. Hood, so he has all the hot tips on hypothermia.

Pay attention and stay alive!

Frostbite Follies set for March 13th

The chapters annual winter steelhead fish along (mostly from drift boats) on the Sandy river has been set for Saturday, March 13th. You must be a paid up member to participate. The trip includes a great lunch in the lodge at Camp Angelos. More info will be given at next chapter meeting. Be looking to register soon...there are only so many seats in those drift boats!

Upcoming Sandy River Chapter clinics, meetings and fish alongs

- **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.
- **Saturday March 13th.**— Rays Frostbite Follies, chapter steelhead fish along, *For members only.*

Tillamook Fish-Along Report

It was the best of times. It was the worst of times. Really it was mostly the best of times. The only downside was the lack of harvestable salmon. Chapter members arrived at the Tillamook Fairgrounds to be greeted with warm, comfortable accommodations, a hot dinner of chili-dogs with all the fixings.

Friday evening was rounded out with talk by guest speaker, Bob Reese during the cake and ice cream desert. Bob is a well known successful full time local guide who is also on the board of the Tillamook Estuary Project, the president of the Northwest Guides and Anglers, and the past Salmon Trout Advisory Committee (STAC) representative for Tillamook. He is also the author of the Guides Forecast (<http://www.theguidesforecast.com>), which is also in the Thursday Oregonian. Bob told it like it was "The chinook salmon return is the lowest in many years. Weed has been difficult. The hatchery coho return is not as large as expected." Bob then gave all of us our best chance by suggesting the best strategy and details of fishing methods. It paid off. Our members got a disproportionate percentage of Saturday's catch.

The groups set out early Saturday morning after a breakfast of a sausage and egg skillet scramble, fresh baked biscuits, and fruit. The weather was fantastic. Most only boated weeds, but a couple boats did something different that was successful.

Mike Myrick, using a borrowed motor that was a bit large for his boat was forced to troll much faster than the other boats around him in the lower bay. This difference must have enticed bites or the fish gods were just giving Mike an early birthday present. Mike's boat guest, Philip Novitsky hooked the first fish and Mike caught a second one later in the day. Norm Ritchie went along with Jeff Stoeger's hunch and launched his Clackacraft in the lower Wilson. Tim Maples got the ball rolling with a large cutthroat trout taking a K15 plug. Jeff landed the second fish in the same hole – a large buck wild coho on Norm's rod while Norm rowed the boat out of the current and did the netting. Tim landed the last fish which was the largest fish of the event – a 16.8 pound buck chinook.

Dinner that night was ocean caught coho, marinated flank steak, baked potatoes, green beans, rolls, and cobblers for desert. Some contemplated shooting Myrick for boating the most fish but he was awarded a worse fate. The first prize was a "Billy Bass" animatronic mounted rubber fish.

Some went home after the dinner but others enjoyed a nice day on the bay on Sunday as well. Another great breakfast including pancakes and link sausage got things started. Anglers again made their lunches of ham, beef, or chicken salad sandwiches, chips, fruit, and a candy bar. Weather was much better than predicted with only a few light showers and brief morning winds. But alas, there were no more fish reported.

A big thanks to Joli Ritchie and Kathryn Israelson who planned and made the great meals. Art Israelson was unable to fish because of a problem with his hand but that did not stop him from cooking pan cakes or selling over \$400 in raffle tickets at the boat ramps and our event.

Norman E. Ritchie

Tillamook Bay fishalong photos



Chapter Board Minutes for 10/21

Present: Mike M, Tom G, Howard B, Norm R, Art I, Larry P, Eric K, Bea Hoove, Colonel T, Bill B, Leslie H, Jay B, Jeff K.

Meeting began: 6:35.

I Additions

1. Because the association is in serious financial difficulties, it was voted to donate approximately one fourth of our savings, or \$2500 and challenge other chapter to make a similar value % donation.
2. At the 11/7 board directors meeting, we will have four votes. Participating members are Jeff S, Mike M, Leslie H, Jay B, Joli R, and Katherine I.

II Business

1. Mike and Art will be selling tickets at Whole Sale Sports (hope I have the title correct) the day after Thanksgiving,
2. Jeff K. and Jeff S. are also putting on steelhead clinics at the two Fishermen's locations 12/5.
3. For the rapidly approaching chapter auction, we are short of big ticket items. Leslie, with Bea Hoove's help will have an update included in the next newsletter.
4. Ray's Frost Bite Follies is tentatively scheduled for 2/27/10 or 3/13/10 - more info will be available later as this is a very popular event. Joli, Katherine and Bea Hoove will handle food arrangements.
5. The Tillamook fish-a-long is relatively set with adequate boats and 29 participants. Bea Hoove is planning to fish from the bank.

III Officer and Director Reports

1. A few members are misunderstanding the chapter email list and how to unsubscribe. Subscribing to the list does save the chapter \$\$\$.
2. We have slightly over \$10K in savings - keep in mind that this amount will be reduced after our association donation.
3. With approximately 212 members, we are the largest chapter.
4. Because of increased litter, we are considering a spring clean-up from Dab-Lewis and Clark. Meeting ended: 8:20

Col. Thomas

A partial list of items at the Dec. 12th auction

- A guided drift trip for 1 person for 1 day/night on the Clearwater River (Idaho) between Kooskia and Lewiston
- Guided trip with Jack Glass - 1/2 day winter steelhead on Sandy for 2
- Gevalia Coffee maker and coffees new in box
- 2 piece Lamiglas rod: 8'6" Medium action x86 MS, Line wt8-12 lb
- Art print – "Spring Chinook Ho River" by Jack Datisman
- Guided trip with Brandon Glass- 1/2 day winter steelhead Sandy for 2
- 2 pairs of Rossignol cross country skis with poles/bindings/boots
- G. Loomis steelhead drift fishing rod
- Guided trip with Trevor Storlie- Sandy River winter steelhead for 2
- Guided trip on Sandy River with Ed Fast

Make your dinner reservations and get ready for some sweet deals ! See page 2 for details.



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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

Presidents Message

Here it is, that time of year again. Raffle ticket time! We are raffling off a great trip to the Fireweed Lodge, airfare included. A true trip of a lifetime! We also have ClackaCraft driftboat raffle tickets. What a great opportunity to win the driftboat you always dreamed of.

The selling of these raffle tickets is one of the main fundraising activities the Association of Northwest Steelheaders relies upon. Fundraising is the lifeblood of all non-profit organizations. It is the responsibility of all our members. Many people do not realize that in order for the organization to function, there are ongoing expenses that must be paid. To be successful at our mission we must have a staffed office, a legislative advocate, the abilities to make copies, answer the phones, and keep track of our membership. Every chapter functions under the umbrella of the Association. Without the Association there would be no chapters. We are more than a bunch of folks getting together and swapping fish stories. We are advocates for fish and fishing conservation issues. We are one of the premier organizations in the Pacific Northwest. People rely upon and look up to us. This does not come cheap. To stay on top of issues and be able to mobilize when needed takes money. Please help this organization stay great!

I ask each one you to purchase a book of raffle tickets. \$20.00 and you get 25 chances at your fishing trip of a lifetime. That is a cheap donation with the bonus that you could win. Our Raffle Ticket Coordinator is Eric Koellner. Please contact him and get your tickets! Sincerely, **Jay Burris**

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!**

Volunteers of the Month

The Cookin' Ladies

Each year we have some special events featuring food, like the auction banquet , or fish alongs that feature dinner or lunch.

The food is always good, it's always well organized and cheap too...a tough standard to match. How come it just seems to happen by magic?

Well it's simple. After some success and some complications with caterers, two chapter members **Joli Ritchie** and **Kathryn Israelson** took over the "food deal" and the rest is yummy history. Good job 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.

River Cleanup Update

What a great day! It rained and rained but did not deter a determined clean-up crew. Twenty-one Chapter members and relatives spent approximately three hours Saturday morning scouring the banks of the Sandy River, Lewis and Clark park, Glenn Otto park, Dabney park and old Columbia River Highway for trash. We gathered about forty bags of trash (thanks to SOLV for providing the sturdy plastic trash bags and partnership,) one Walgreen's shopping cart and a number of five gallon containers. Larry Beaver found fifteen cents and gave it to Jennifer Ferragam as a small wedding present. The chapter wants to thank Jay Burris, Howard Berg, Col. Thomas, Mike Myrick, Larry Beaver, Hal Blenn, Tom Gemelli, Jeff Stoeger, Mike Crespino and his two sons Izek and Coletton, Russ Nishitain and his daughter Debbie, Rob Gibbs and his son Ethan and his fiancée Jennifer Ferragam, Joy Garnnett, Mike Shields, Doug Briggs, Warren Randall and Randy Winters. The chapter also wants to thank Rob Brown of Jack's Tackle for providing hot coffee and muffins to the volunteers. Some enterprising chapter members wetted their fishing lines before and after the clean-up, around two o'clock the rain stopped and the sun peaked through the clouds. Typical Oregon weather. **Tom Gemelli**



Tech tip of the month

A couple of old tooth brushes are useful fishing-wise. Keep one handy to fluff up the yarn on yarn flies or drift leaders having yarn.

Keep another handy with a small tube of toothpaste for cleaning spinner blades— especially in salt water.

On more will clean out the last bit of blood from a fishes body cavity that the spoon misses. Oh, and one for your fingernails..

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.

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

Tired of fishing? Would you rather just say you went and enjoy a nice hot breakfast instead and tell that same old story about the one you caught with a broken rod *again*? Me too! I'll see you at Dea's.



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A Regulatory Warning

Regulations change and so it's a good idea to carry a copy of them with you when you go and make sure you are up to date – before you start fishing. The most common violation I see is people continuing to fish before tagging a steelhead or salmon... you have to do it before you resume fishing. The tag is supposed to be filled out in ink too, so check that pen. I find an ultra-fine tipped felt pen is ideal. Tag up and be legal, OK?

Larry Palmer



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