

Welcome New Members!

Leo Martel of Fairview
Jason Vaughn of West Linn
Kris Privat of Seattle

November's guest speaker...

Will be a representative from Oregon State Police who will be talking about the lighter side of law enforcement as it relates to game wardens.

3rd Annual Ducky Derby....2013?

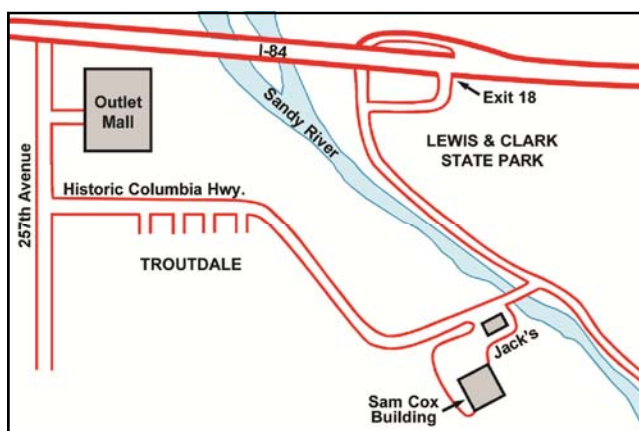
The Ducky Derby was the pitched, organized and executed by Art Israelson. I volunteered at the first Derby, it just sounded like so much fun - I was on the parade route selling ducks (although I didn't get to see the dropping of the ducks). I had the easy job, the planning and execution of the event was ALL ART.

Art wants to pass this torch to someone else. Make no mistake, this is not a "couple day" commitment, hence the torch passing.

The behind the scenes planning, building the volunteer team, and the toughest task - acquiring prize donations requires **commitment**, and then of course - event day.

Once you build your team and everyone knows their roles, the execution of a successful event (however can be bumpy) will feel great.

If you are interested in a challenge and will commit to putting on this event, talk to Art and help make the 3rd Annual Ducky Derby happen.



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

All guests are welcome!

President's Message

Get Involved, NOW.

Norm Ritchie, Russell Bassett and others in both the Association and various Chapters, including the Sandy River Chapter, do an outstanding job of identifying government action, pending action or inaction as it relate to our scarce resources, our Chapter's namesake river and our sport. If one listens closely, they will often give you the rationale for the position they are taking on the issue.

Russell recently sent out a link to a site declaring '**Sandy River Hatchery wins Federal Approval; conservation groups oppose.**' At first blush or if you just scan the article, you would probably conclude that the issue is settled and the Sandy River Hatchery won. **Oh contraire!!!** If you read it all, the conservation groups are 'not impressed', are considering litigation (which was filed the next day) and NMFS indicated another review may be required.

What's at stake here is the hatchery program on the Sandy River; the Winter Run Steelhead, the Spring Chinook, the Summer Run Steelhead and the Coho fisheries. What will be left will be vastly smaller numbers of Wild (non-fin clipped) species on a 'catch and release' basis. That is until one of the conservation groups finds a dead wild fish from a deep hook set and then the push will be for no fishing on the Sandy River.

What will be lost, as well, will be the thrill of putting your grandson on an aerial steelhead, showing a friend what a bobber down is like or watching a bank fisherman or a boater fight a fish in the confines of the river. Lost will be the livelihood of the dozen or so guides who fish the Sandy & have for up to 28 years.

For those of us lucky enough to live on the river, there will be another big loss. That loss will be to your property values. Property values will plummet like the line stripping dive of a fall Chinook looking for the bottom. Given a choice of living on the 'closed to fishing' Sandy or any one of the dozen fishable rivers in NW OR or SW WA, where will people choose? My bet is the Clackamas, Willamette, Columbia, Kalama or Tualatin, where you can still wet a line.

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What can we do? Sitting back reading headlines or perusing the world thru rose colored glasses is a sure path to loosing this resource. There is also the ever popular re-run of Gilligan's Island and other mindless endeavors.

What we can do, is get ourselves organized along a series of fronts; property owners, anglers, ANWS chapters, Guides, manufacturers and politicians, to name a few.

We can prepare for public meeting by getting volunteers to show up in mass. I was the 13th person to speak out of 207 who showed up to speak at a public hearing when Hyundai wanted to build their chip plant in Eugene. The 207 speakers were in addition to the audience, the room would only accommodate ½ that number and forced a series of meetings so that all 207 were heard.

Did they stop Hyundai? No, absolutely not, that was never the intent.

But what they did do was force Hyundai and their off-shore design team to properly deal with rainwater runoff during construction by using settlement ponds to trap the silt and fines. What they did accomplish was the preservation of a large Nature Conservancy downstream from the proposed industrial waste discharge by having the discharge tight lined through the conservancy, where the pipe installation damage was minimized and the risk of industrial waste destroying the conservancy was eliminated. The amazing part was that these people were not organized, they just showed up.

Can you imagine the impact 150 people, who were organized, would have on an issue?

With the 150 Sandy River Chapter members or 1,500 association members we can inundate the decision makers with letters, e-mails, phone calls and/or bodies at a hearing.

If we organize ourselves to fill the room at a public hearing and all had the same message, we would have a tremendous impact.

Tight Lines,

Doug Briggs

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Did you know?

In 1939 the Marmot Dam fish ladder was closed off completely. In 1940 the hatchery personnel killed about 550 female steelhead for the egg take. The results were a disaster because four years later in 1943, on 70 female steelhead were available for egg take.

From: Steelhead River Journal - Sandy (Mark Bachmann)

Board Meeting Minutes - October 17, 2012

Present: Doug B, Leslie H, Art I, Howard B, Russ S, Mike M, Colonel T, Mike B, Eric K, Nona B, Scott B, Marjorie B, John H, Larry P and Jeff S (speaker phone)

Began: 6:33

I Old Business

1. Regarding volunteer time, the person in charge of the activity will be responsible for getting the hours to Bill B. For example, Art will turn in the Ducky hours once he has totals.
2. The chapter has purchased a table for the association event in November, but so far we have only four seats filled; therefore we need to fill six more seats. Seat cost is \$55, but the chapter is offering our seats at only \$45. Anyone interested should contact Doug or any board member.
3. Larry is still waiting to make contact with a STEP representative to come up with a project for the chapter. Once this is determined, a call will go out for volunteers.
4. Art continues to look for volunteers to take on the Ducky Derby. Doug will contact each chapter explaining the situation to see if other chapters might step forward with volunteers.
5. Regarding our river clean-ups and liability, SOLVE wants each participant to sign a waiver/release form. Russ will check/confirm with the association, but there is the possibility that we might take on these projects on our own. New members might not know that for many years the chapter clean-ups were not connected to SOLV. We are also considering providing some sort of hand sanitizer for participants. Keep in mind that in lieu of paying a rental fee to the city of Troutdale, the chapter has agreed to do two clean-ups a year for the city.
6. John is still working on our web page conversion. It is hoped that once Nona has the newsletter ready she would be able to upload it herself so it would be available to the membership more quickly.

II New Business

1. As of this time we have six directors, each with one vote for board issues.
2. Jeff K and Jeff S are working on a schedule for chapter clinics held at retail locations. At this time we are presently looking at Bi-Mart in Gresham and the store on 122nd and Halsey. Other options are being considered but not confirmed at this time.
3. A date for Ray's Frost Bite Follies will be determined once we have contacted Camp Angelos regarding its availability.
4. Discussions were held about ways to bring back past members who have not renewed. Larry P, Mike B and Nona are working on this idea and hopefully will have info for the next board meeting.
5. It was thought that jumping on board the Outdoor GPS television offer would benefit the chapter as there would be no cost to us but we would gain some media exposure.
6. If you were present during Norm's presentation at the last meeting, you might have noticed the addition of a new speaker system. This was purchased at a cost of \$305, but due to the increased ability to hear the speaker seems to be dollars well spent. Because Bill B has access to a projector, we will not need to buy an extra unit.

III Officer Reports

1. We have \$11,000 in our various accounts.
2. Newsletter deadline is this coming Saturday.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.



Sandy River Chapter NW Steelheaders' Calendar



Chapter Activities & Events

<u>From Date</u>	<u>Thru Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event Description</u>	<u>Information Contact</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>e-mail</u>
10/31/12	11/2/12	Wed		28th Annual North Coast Salmon Rendezvous	Colonel Thomas	503 666-5035	cj357thomas@gmail.com
11/7/12	11/7/12	Wed	7:00 PM	Sandy Chapter Meeting @ Glenn Otto Park	Doug Briggs	503 729-2023	doug@leewens.com
11/8/12	11/8/12	Thur	6:30 PM	California Sea Lion Town Hall	Doug Briggs	503 729-2023	doug@leewens.com
11/10/12	11/10/12	Sat	6:00 PM	Chrome Dreams Association HOF Banquet Auction	Russell Bassett	503 653-4176	executivedirector@anws.org
12/5/12	12/5/12	Wed	7:00 PM	Pie Social	Joli Ritchie & Kathryn Israelson	503 760-5551 503 666-2599	Kisraelson@comcast.net normritchie@q.com
11/21/12	11/21/12	Wed	6:30 PM	Sandy Chapter Board Meeting @ Round Table Pizza	Doug Briggs	503 729-2023	doug@leewens.com
1/9/13	1/13/13	Wed thru Thurs		Portland Boat Show	Mike Myrick	503 281-6438	mcmifishandivote@msn.com
2/6/13	2/10/13	Wed thru Thurs		Portland Sportsman Show	Mike Myrick	503 281-6438	mcmifishandivote@msn.com
4/3/13	4/3/13	Wed		Election of Officers	Colonel Thomas	503 666-5035	cj357thomas@gmail.com
5/1/13	5/1/13	Wed		15th Annual Sandy Chapter Banquet Auction	Leslie Hinea	503 653-4176 & leave	outreachcoordinator@anws.org
7/27/13	7/27/13	Sun		Sandy Chapter Annual Family Picnic	Joli Ritchie & Kathryn Israelson	503 760-5551 503 666-2599	Kisraelson@comcast.net normritchie@q.com

So, funny thing. As I was looking for something for "Did you know", I asked Scott for the book he had about the Sandy River. As he was digging it out, he came across The Northwest Steelheader magazine - circa Spring 1992 & Fall 1993. I have no idea where he got these, probably at a garage sale. So I started reading them, funny seems like it was just yesterday except when you look at the ads and see the prices of stuff. I thought it was pretty cool.

Which brings me to a question for you:

Who was the Chapter President in the Fall of 1993?

E-mail me the answer at fishwackers@gmail.com and if you are the first with the correct answer, you will win a fabulous prize, perhaps a luxurious vacation for 2 to somewhere sunny. Just Kidding! I am not sure what prize I can come up with, but I will come up with something!

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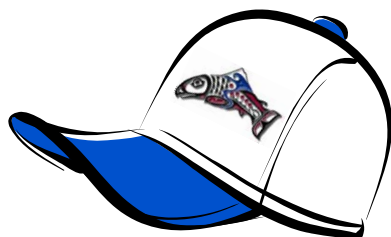
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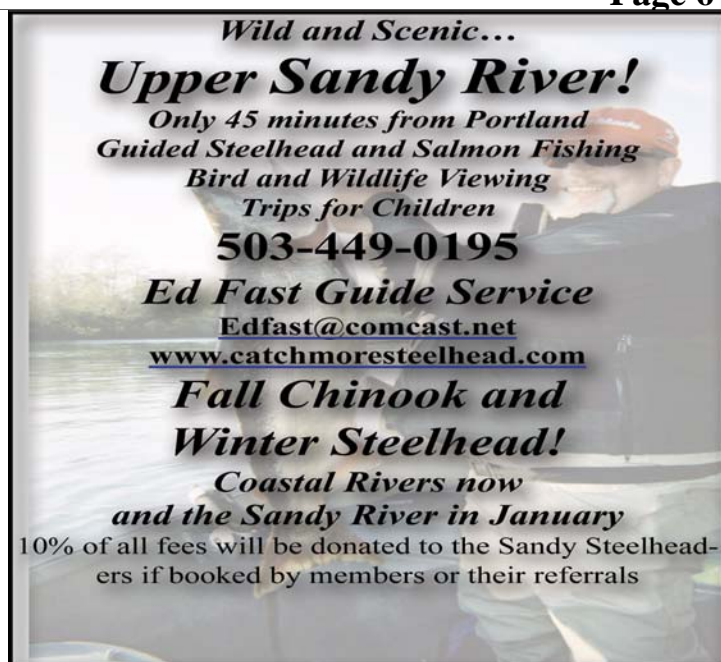
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Sandy River Chapter Volunteer Hours Form

Name _____

Event _____

Date _____ Hours _____

Event _____

Date _____ Hours _____

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Event _____

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.

Upcoming Events

Chrome Dreams**25th Annual Hall of Fame****Auction & Banquet****Saturday, November 10th****Red Lion Hotel****Contact: Mike Myrick for tickets****503-281-6438**

**** At time of print, there are still 6 seats available for Chrome Dreams, support YOUR chapter - call Mike Myrick and get your tickets today!**

Pie Social**Wednesday - December 5th****At the regular monthly meeting**

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Required

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Flotation Device
<input type="checkbox"/> Throwable PFD (boats 16' & longer) | <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle or Air Horn
<input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Invasive Species Permit |
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Necessities

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Oar or a Breakdown Oar
<input type="checkbox"/> Extra Oar Locks
<input type="checkbox"/> Spare Drain Plugs
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Knife
<input type="checkbox"/> Dry Bag or an Ammo Can | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit
<input type="checkbox"/> A Relief Bucket (Urinal)
<input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Paper (in a plastic bag)
<input type="checkbox"/> A Dozen Bungee Cords |
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Luxury Items

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hand Bilge Pump
<input type="checkbox"/> Leatherman Type Multi Tool
<input type="checkbox"/> 100' of Lining Rope
<input type="checkbox"/> Spare Anchor / Anchor Basket (Rocks)
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish Whacker
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 Gallon Bucket
<input type="checkbox"/> Sea Anchor (drift sock) | <input type="checkbox"/> Garbage Bags
<input type="checkbox"/> Lighter or Waterproof Matches
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Folding Shovel (think latrine)
<input type="checkbox"/> Heater & Propane
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Handsaw or Bow Saw
<input type="checkbox"/> Ice Chest & / or Bait Cooler
<input type="checkbox"/> Electric Motor |
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Optional Items

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cuban Cigars
<input type="checkbox"/> Flask of Antifreeze (double malted) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bottle Opener
<input type="checkbox"/> Folding Chairs |
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SHOUT OUT:

To Larry Palmer for his contributions to this publication past, present and future..

When I receive a piece from Larry, I know it will be informative with a hint of humor.

Thanks Larry, I appreciate your contributions!




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The September 22 2012 River Clean Up was my first as the new director.

First I would like to thank and recognize the following chapter members for volunteering:

Bill Beith, Howard Berg, Doug Briggs, Mike Broadway, Jim Cathcart, the Colonel, and Kerin and Victor Laurence.

Without you the Clean Up would not have been possible.

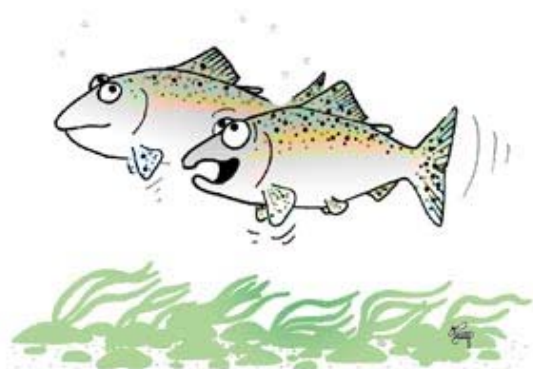
I think we made a difference in the appearance of Glenn Otto Park and river bar, Lewis and Clark Park and Boat Ramp, Dabney Park, and the road along the Sandy River.

A total of 15 bags of litter was collected including a tire and a backpack.

Some of us were ready when the camera came out, but Mike, Howard, and the Colonel had to leave before our group photo

Our next river clean up will be in the Spring and I hope we can get more volunteers.

Thanks,
Russ Sumida



"Let's jump a few times
just to drive the fly fishers crazy!"



(L - R) Bill Beith, Doug Briggs, Victor & Kerin Laurence & Jim Cathart

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A message from the editors:

Deadline for December Newsletter: Saturday - November 17th by 6:00 PM

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