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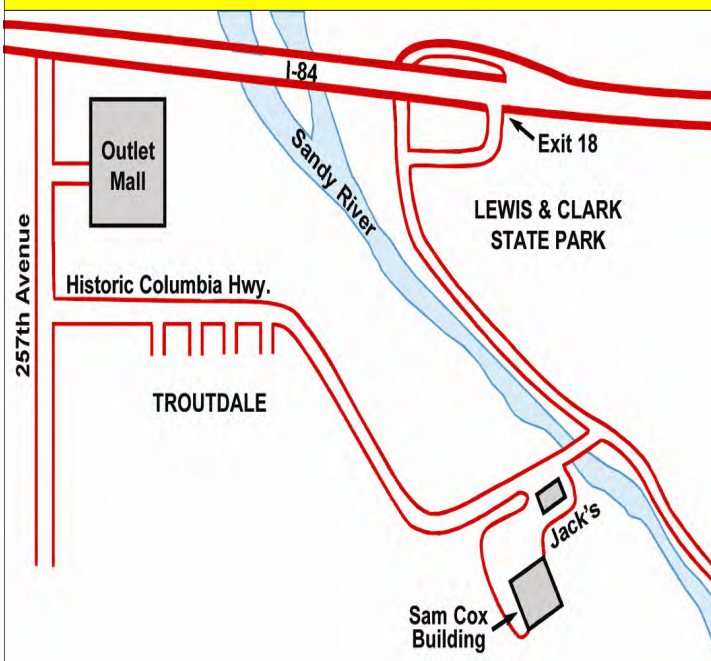
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This months' program -

One honking - big auction! See story on page 3

There is no guest speaker for our December meeting. It's our annual Chapter Auction. Come and help out the chapter and bid on some great items. We will have some local art work and a variety of other items that you can bid on. We will have some silent auction tables to bid on as well as our oral items. So come with the mind set that you are going to do some early Christmas shopping. If you happen to win a silent bid or oral bid, we are asking that payment would be either cash or by check. Thanks, **Jeff Stoeger**.

Next Meeting- First Wednesday of December. That's the 1st !



Our Chapter Officers-

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December 2010

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**

Some special thanks

I'd like to take a moment to thank Jeff Kirkman who organized recent chapter fishing clinics and the other members who helped him. These sorts of events take time but it is very useful in gaining new members and providing information about the organization to the general public.

Everyone has to start somewhere, and experienced members often forget about just how daunting it can be for someone who knows nothing about the sport to slide into Fisherman's' Marine or Dicks and be confronted with several hundred rods all with specific techniques in mind. We walk through with an eye for a specific *something* and all the rigging that goes with it, but to a newcomer it's just a forest of graphite with a few thousand lures they don't know how to use. So we start them down the road of figuring it out...now where is my 16th Steelhead rod? I laid it down around here somewhere..... **Larry Palmer**

Presidents' Note-

I personally would like to thank everyone for their help in putting on the many clinics' over the past three week. The Bi-Mart clinic was a big hit and the store manager would like for us to come back in early spring and do a spring Chinook and summer steelhead clinic. We had 25 to 30 people at the clinic. We next did the O.C Fisherman's store and we had anywhere for 20 -25 people for this clinic. We finally had are largest clinic on Saturday 13. We guess that there were anywhere from 150 to 200 people that showed up for this event. I would like to thank Jeff Kirkman for organizing the Glen Otto clinic. It was very successful event. We were able to answer a tone of question and gave out a lot of info. Thanks to our experts Ed Fast, Mark Anderson and Trevor Storlie.

The chapters Auction is scheduled for December 1st. We will start the evening by serving Horsd'oeuvre from 6:30 to 7:15. We will then start the oral auction portion 7:30 and try to end by 8:30. There is a small fee for the pre auction Horsd'oeuvre. The cost is \$5.00 per person. You will not be disappointed in the amount of food that will be served. If you, would like to come and join us for the pre auction Horsd'oeuvre You need to contact Joli Ritchie at 503-760-5551 and let her know how many are planning to attend so she can make plans to buy enough food for everyone.

If you are planning to make a donation for the auction, please contact mike Myrick or Colonel Thomas. We would like items that are new or like new. You can call Mike at 503-281-6438. You only have a couple of days left to get your item in before the auction. Last minute items may not show up in the auction if received to late.

Thanks, Jeff Stoeger President

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-

present: Leslie H, Jay B, Bill B, Howard B, Bea Hoove, Colonel, Jeff S, Rob G, Mike M, Tom G, Joe B, Eric K and Art I.

I Agenda

1. Leslie and her munchkins are working tirelessly to prepare the 12/1 auction. Because of the popularity of grab bags, it was decided to have more available - Bill and Col volunteered to meet and assemble them; Bill offered to buy lunch. Leslie was upbeat that we would do well this year, but the auction's success is directly proportional to membership participation: attend the event and bring your Christmas shopping lists (don't forget gifts for the board members).
2. If you are selling raffle tickets at a particular location/business, make sure to contact the owner/manager prior.
3. Ray's Frostbite Follies is confirmed for 3/5. Very few camp dates were available, which limited our planning. There is a \$20 participation fee, which will cover the cost of our lunch; boat guides/captains are excluded from this fee. Remember this is a members only event.
4. Tom brought up the issue of waivers for our events. For example, those that participate in Passport are required by ODFW to have a waiver. Jay will bring this up at the association level and get back to the board at the next meeting.
5. Because weather conditions caused the postponement of the Tillamook fish-a-long, a brood stock recovery event is being considered for Jan/Feb. We are waiting for confirmation on the dates.
6. The Bi-Mart and FMS clinics were well attended and popular. Also, the 11/13 clinic at Glen Otto was well received with over 100 participants; three new members were added.

II Officer Reports

1. We have approximately \$7500 in funds.
2. Current membership is 199

ended: 8:00

THE GREAT 2010/11 STEELHEAD CHAPTER COOKIE LIST

December 1st	Nick Claus
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



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



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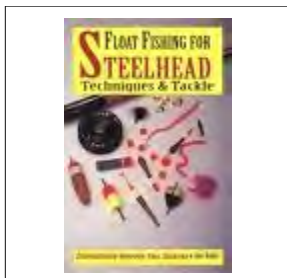
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Old Chapter Newsletter Editors' Reign of Terror Finally Ends

When I took over as newsletter editor I had few ideas about it all really, but soon developed some. I quickly responded some requests from members for a larger type size for better readability, more pictures and color. I think in one way we have fallen short however. We need more content that comes from members.

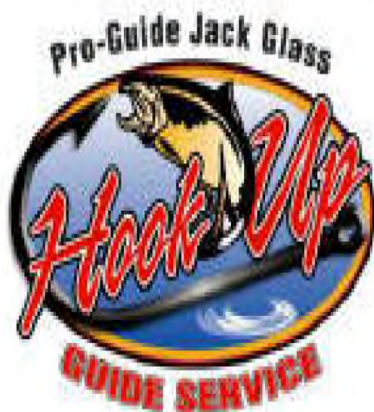
Most people join the organization wanting to learn more about fishing and make friends to go fishing. Many already have knowledge about methods, places, and related techniques. Somehow, they feel they don't know enough to share it with others in the newsletter. But sure enough when they come to the meetings, they'll gladly share it with anyone who asks. Often there is useful info there to even the most experienced angler. The same info would have been just fine in the newsletter.

I hope my time as editor has improved the newsletter in some way. I know I have been stubborn about deadlines, but I have been thanked by people who now get their newsletters several days in advance of the meetings. That's simply not possible without observing a deadline. The new Editor, Joe Blum will be fully responsible for the newsletter starting with the January edition. Help him out by submitting your contribution to future editions, won't you? Naturally ... by the deadline.

Thanks, **Larry Palmer**

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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 !**

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
Leslie Hinea**

Leslie isn't "show-offy " about all the work she puts in on the auction, but believe me she could be. I've been hip boot deep in auction stuff for many years and without a doubt her smooth and detailed management of the auction is the best I've ever seen.

She builds a team that works well together and tunes it up a bit every year. Like a sports team in it's prime, it only looks easy because a whole lot of hard work and skilled planning sanded off the rough spots before they had a chance to cause a problem.

The Sandy River Chapter is hands-down the most financially stable as a result of this event and her fine work. Be sure to thank her, she's not the sort who will go seeking praise even if it is well earned.

Larry Palmer

Sandy River Chapter, ANWS

Volunteer Hours Record

Member Name_____

Event/ Activity_____

Date_____ **Hours**_____

The most important Fishing Technique

Larry asked for success stories and techniques. From Buoy 10 through Tillamook fall fisheries I learned that the most important technique is knowing where the fish will be at the time you want to fish. You can't catch them if they aren't there.

The week spent at Buoy 10 started slow, but the timing of different bites with the tides at the best holes became something that could be predicted by the end of the week with many more hookups. Too bad I never got that figured out at Tillamook this year.

In Tillamook the tides do still play a part but of greater importance is the rains and subsequent river flows. Conventional wisdom says "when the rivers are on the rise and muddy you fish herring in the ghost hole", but I guess the west channel was the place this year. It is good to be in a drift boat as the rivers start dropping into shape. The fish that moved up from the upper bay are starting to settle into the holes but the water is still turbid enough to prevent them from being easily spooked. The first river to clear is the Kilches. Unfortunately it was dropping and in good condition the day before we got there. We caught no chinook. Many of us would still be asking ourselves "what is wrong with my technique?". Fortunately for us, the chum were in to tell us there was nothing wrong with the way we were fishing. Our Kwikfish were well wrapped and swimming irresistibly. We caught and released chum while the guys that figured out the chinook were now holding in tide water were filling their fish box.

But it was still a great day of fishing and catching. Chum are close in size to coho but fight like a chinook of twice the size and they never give up! They fight all the way to the boat, making landing the most difficult part. They also do not require your assistance to recover as much as other salmon species. They are generally ready to go just as soon as you remove the hook. With their gnarly teeth and purple stripes, they make for some great pictures as well.

Timing and location is almost everything if you are fishing for chinook or just get lucky to be there when the chum are in.

Norm Ritchie email: normritchie@q.com cell: 503-807-7729



December 2010

Sandy River Chapter -Schedule of Events Dec. 2010 Sandy River Chapter

- Dec. 1—Annual fundraising auction. See details on page 3

Volunteers needed for TWO Portland Sports shows

- Shows are *Boat show—January 12-16* *Sportsman's' show Feb. 9-13*
- Free admission to volunteers!

What you will be doing - The show operator has provided the ANWS with booth space at the boat show for no cost and the sportsman show for half cost. We need volunteers to operate the booth, recruiting memberships and selling raffle tickets. Some chapters have expressed interest in having the booth for a full day or blocks of time and to have of their own displays during those periods to help in their efforts.).

- **Who to contact to get scheduled** **Mike Myrick**
mcmifishandivote@msn.com). Or at 503-281-6438

As usual any time you spend doing this counts as volunteer hours so track that and turn it in for a very special selection of volunteer prizes from our monthly drawing.



Have a nice breakfast at Dea's

Even though your fishing buddy thinks you have to start fishing at 4:30 AM for winter steelhead, don't pay any attention to him and have some nice French toast and bacon at Dea's .Coffee too.

That way when you see that chowder head out there at least you'll be all warmed up, while he'll be as lost as ever. Hey, you can warm him up by reading him the ODFW regs that cover the *legal* fishing hours.

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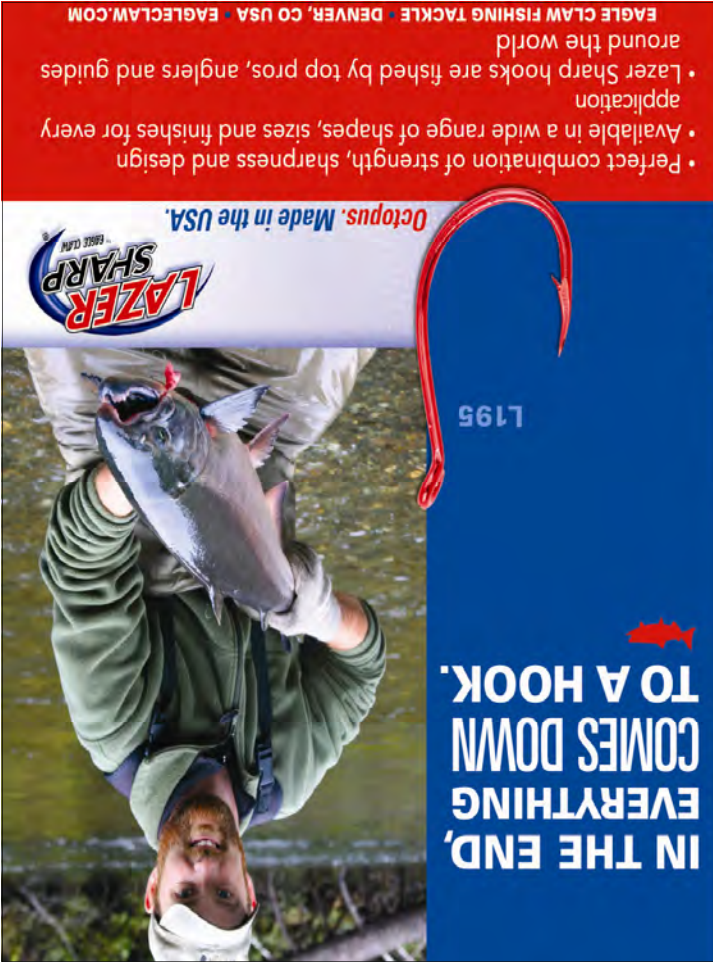
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