

**Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Sam Cox building in Glenn Otto Park, 1102 East Columbia River Highway in Troutdale Oregon. Bring your kids too!**

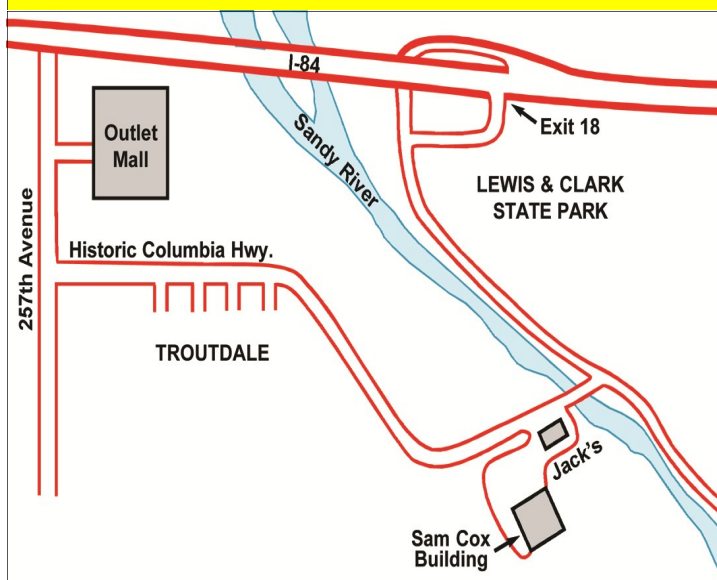
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## This months' program

### Brandon and Jack Glass December Speakers

Brandon and Jack Glass will be our guest speakers this month. They will share their information about winter steelhead fishing on the sandy river. They will share with us some of the best bank fishing areas as well as fishing from your boat. They will share with us various techniques that are effective from the bank as well as from a boat. So come with your question for both Brandon and Jack.

## Next Meeting- First Wednesday of December. That's the 7th !



## Our Chapter Officers-

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**President's Note**

December is going to be a very strange month for a lot of us. December has always been the chapters Banquet and Auction month for years. The chapter has decided to move the banquet and auction to May, for the Association had decided to move the Association Banquet and Auction to November. With our chapter's banquet and auction taking place in December, we felt that we needed to move our banquet and auction so we wouldn't be in conflict with the associations. So we will need everyone to help out in getting items for our chapter auction in May. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 503-704-7920.

Thanks, Jeff Stoeger

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I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to anyone that sent me pictures to be published, I saved them as downloads and was unable to figure out how to open them to move into this newsletter. I am a little computer savvy just enough to be dangerous. LOL!. If there is anyone out there that knows how to open or recover pictures from saved downloads please feel free to enlighten me.

Thank you,  
Joe Blum

## Winter Steelhead Clinic

This year's winter steelhead clinic will be held on February 4th at Glenn Otto Park from 10-2pm. We will have various individuals who are skilled in steelhead fishing who will share their knowledge, skills and techniques about winter steelhead fishing. Jeff Kirkman is heading up this event and he will be looking for volunteers to help him out. So if you're free on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup>, see Jeff at the next meeting.

### Steelhead trip on the way.

I know that there are 6 individuals who haven't taken their trips for either selling or buying a hundred dollars worth of raffle tickets from last year. Please be patient with us. My goal is to make sure that everyone gets what they were promised. My goal is to make sure we have fish in the river and that the river is fishable. I want it to be a memorable fishing trip for the both of us, and not just a boat ride to get the trip out of the way. When we hear that there is a good number of fish in the river, we will call you and schedule a trip with all the fixing's.

Thanks, Jeff Stoeger

### Ray's Frost Bite Follies.

Ray's follies are scheduled for January 7<sup>th</sup>. We finally confirmed that we have camp Angelo's for our lunch destination. We will have a signup sheet at the December meeting and cost for lunch will be a \$12.00. You can either pay at the chapter meeting or at the lunch. If you sign up for this event and we have placed you in a boat and you don't show up. You still need to pay the \$12.00 fee for the lunch. You can mail your check or the cash to **Jeff Stoeger, 6518 NE 36<sup>th</sup> Ave, Portland, OR 97211**. If we don't have enough boats and you paid up front for the lunch you will be reimbursed with a check from the chapter or we will send your check back to you. We will contact everyone 2 weeks before the event with all the information and boat assignments. If you have to cancel please notify me ASAP at 503-704-7920. For if someone was left out because we didn't have enough seats I would like to place that person in a boat. Also I will let those who didn't attend the meeting to sign up by calling me by the December 14th. After that date the event will be closed.

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**Chapter Board Meeting Minutes Nov. 16, 2011**

present: Mike M, Tom G, Colonel T, Eric K, Bea H, Steve C, Joe B, Howard B, Leslie H

began: 6:50

**I General business**

1. In appreciation to our speakers for giving their time, the board voted to give a \$25 gratuity to each speaker who comes from a distance of 50 miles or more. This is in keeping with a chapter past precedent from some years back - before we began holding meetings in our present location.

2. We hope to have an on location steelhead clinic 2/4/12 with some big name participants lined up, but as of now do not have anyone in charge. Joe B volunteered to head this project if he is able to obtain an experienced assistant. A final decision of the clinics feasibility will be made later this week.

3. Due to a limited number of board members attending meetings, Howard will send a year's meeting schedule to each board member. Howard works hard to see that we have and maintain our position in the current meeting room. It is not always a given that we will have the privacy necessary to conduct our board meeting at the current location. Keep in mind that any chapter member may attend a board meeting.

4. The salmon event held at Multnomah Falls November 5th, was very successful - if you consider a good turnout a success. Art helped sell several hundred raffle tickets, and we even gained a new member.

5. Due to the popularity of the new black chapter tee shirts, the board approved the purchase of some tees that will be available at each chapter meeting, which will make the tee immediately available doing away with a delay in obtaining a shirt. Because Eric will be out of town for the next meeting, Tom and Colonel will have them available to sell previous/after the next chapter meeting.

6. Because the chapter elections will be held next April, we must begin the election processes now. If anyone is interested in helping in any capacity, please contact a board member.

**II Officer reports**

1. Current membership is 164.

2. Mike stated that we have approximately \$8,040 available.

ended: 7:55





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### Tackle Swap Page

As I mentioned earlier I removed this page for lack of content, but I would like to make a request.

I want to buy a salmon bobber rod would prefer something in the 8'-6" to 9' range with a line weight of 12-25 or heavier casting rod. If you have something please contact me either by phone at 503-704-2483 or email at icecreaman310@hotmail.com.

Thanks,  
Joe Blum

### One Last Cast

#### A Periodic Column by Navigator

November is a transition time. For some of you, fishing gives way to hunting. For others, fishing gives way to staying dry and keeping warm. For winter steel headers, Thanksgiving marks the beginning of the season. This is also a time of year to plan for next year. Perhaps you are considering a guided trip. I had an experience where I learned the hard way that not all guides are the same – not in the sense that some are good and others bad – but in the sense that some guides cater to the “non-fisherman” – novices, tourists, and corporate executives -- while others cater to the rest of us – serious diehard fishermen.

I had an opportunity to take an open seat on a guided one day summer steelhead trip on the Clearwater River in Idaho. It was a blind date scenario – where I was hooked up with a serious, passionate fisherman with decades of experience on the Willamette and Clackamas rivers. I will call him Ralph. Ralph had high expectations for the trip – the draw was to fish for legendary upper Columbia basin B-run steelhead. Ralph's expectation for the guide was that for every year Ralph had fished on the Clack, the guide would have two years experience on the Clearwater. The trip had bad “joss” from the beginning. It rained buckets the day we headed out. In denial, we pressed onward – it is the Clearwater, right? Wrong. The river only had that “hint” of color one sees when they don't want to admit the river is blown. (cont. on pg.9)

## Cookie List

I would like to thank the following members for offering to bring cookies to the chapter meetings. Howard Berg for September, Joe Blum for October, **COLONEL THOMAS for DECEMBER**, Rhodes Gustafson for January, Rob Gibbs for February, Nona Bowling for March, We still do not have anyone signed up for May, or June.

If you haven't volunteered to bring cookies yet, sign up for one of the months that are open. All we ask is that just ONE time you bring 5 dozen cookies to a meeting. It's a small gesture, but an important one.

Howard Berg Chapter Cookie executive

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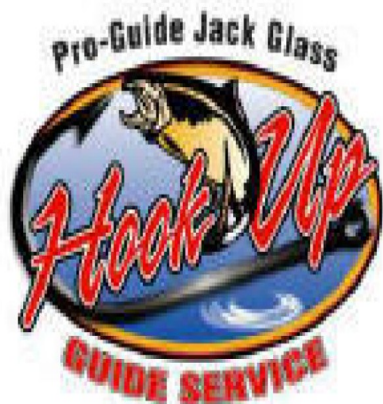
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### Really swell prizes to be awarded to volunteers

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! The prizes are cool.**

#### Volunteers of the Month

My pick for volunteer of the month for December is our Vice President Jeff Kirkman who has graciously volunteered to coordinate the clinic, we all have busy schedules but yet he has found time to step up and do this. Thanks Jeff.

Joe Blum  
Newsletter Editor

### Sandy River Chapter Volunteer Hours Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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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.



## Sandy River Tackle Swap Page

### Fly fishing rookie hits the Klickitat (by Jeff Nicol, Hood River, OR)

Duane, my friend from Trout Lake, Washington, has been talking about how we really need to take his Hyde drift boat out on the upper section of the Klickitat. I thought this was a grand idea, but Duane also admitted that he had yet to float that section of the river. Rather than risk life and limb by blindly floating on our own, I agreed to split the cost of a guide so we could learn the river from an expert.

Travis Duddles, owner of [The Gorge Fly Shop](#), suggested we contact Hood River-based guide, [Tom Larimer](#). A few phone calls later and we had booked Tom to hit the Klickitat on October 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween – a Monday. We headed up to [Stinson Flats](#) to put in for our all-day, 12-mile float. Mostly sunny, light winds and no rain...Who would have expected that forecast late fall fishing in the Gorge?

Tom is a fly-fishing guide and a casting instructor. With Duane already an accomplished single-handed and spey caster, Tom was able to focus the majority of his fly instruction on me. He started out with some brief lessons at the launch site. We only saw one other fisherman, so that stretch of river was almost our exclusive water. After about 15 minutes, I was able to fairly reliably get the fly to the general spot I was shooting for. I've been throwing hardware and trolling for 30+ years, but fly fishing has something I've never really done. The bad news was that I didn't have any fly casting knowledge. The good news was that I didn't have any bad fly casting habits to break!

So we set off in Tom's low-sided Hyde drift boat. We were the only boat in this section of the river, which meant our gear was the first these fish had seen today! The water was clear and a little low, but very "fishy". Coho were periodically rolling and Chinook were thick on the redds. Duane managed a smolt while indicator fishing. I was doing OK, but spent a lot of time with my indicator (bobber) dragging through the water instead of naturally drifting. After a short float, we landed and Tom broke out a spey rod for me to use. I was barely fishing with a single-handed fly rod and now it was time to step up and try a two-handed rod! Under Tom's direction, I was up for the challenge...

We spent most of the morning indicator fishing from the boat with occasional stops to spey cast from shore. The river clearly had a lot of fishable water and there were lots of signs of fish present. If I had packed my spinning gear, I would have been hammering a lot of holes with my favorite Blue Fox! However, I was determined to give the "old college try" to this fly fishing thing! At lunch, I had one hard strike on the spey rod. A quick head-shake and the steelhead was off, but I was now really fired up. As the days are short and the float is long, we had to float by a lot of fishable water to ensure we'd get done before nightfall. This meant more indicator (bobber) fishing with the single-handed fly rods than using spey gear.

I certainly tested the theory that if you're not losing gear, you're not close to the fish! Tom was great about keeping me going and staying positive when I'd snag bottom. Mid-afternoon, I snagged bottom again as we floated downstream at a pretty good clip...Except the "bottom" shook his head and took off up river with my fly in his mouth! I had hooked into a big steelhead!!! I fed out lined pooled at my feet as the boat raced down river. I was attempting to get that line fed out so I could then be on the reel and start using the drag to fight the fish. But, I pulled too hard and snapped the 8# leader. "My" steelhead would live to fight another day.

About an hour later, Duane showed me how it was done as he hooked and landed a 10+ pound



wild buck. It was starting to get dark and made for a great way to end a wonderful float on the upper section of the Klickitat. I'm sure Duane and I will try it again soon in Duane's boat --- but I'm going to sneak some spinner gear in next time to ensure I have my most effective mousetraps at the ready!



I have temporarily removed the tackle swap page as I had no content and it will make room for other content.

November 2, 3 and 4 were the dates of the 27th annual North Coast Salmon Rendezvous, a Tillamook area fund raiser. Chapter member Colonel Thomas paired with Rob McNeilly to form one half of a four person team - all repeat participants. This year 76 anglers joined with 35 guides, who donated their time, to catch 108 Chinook.

On the first day's fishing Colonel and Rob bobber fished the Nestucca River with local guide Doug Miller and hooked over 20 salmon. Rob alone hooked 19 landing 18, while Colonel hooked five landing three. Because only bright fished are allowed (two fish limit, only one can be a native), both anglers searched for bonus hatchery fish (none of the fish were deeply hooked and those released were unharmed - no bleeders). While most of the fishing technique was bobber, Colonel did hook a couple with wrapped Kwik Fish. His bobber fishing skills must be considered a work in progress as he swung late on numerous fish.

During the second day, in the bay, fishing with guide Tom Lines Colonel lost a Chinook early, Rob landed a 26# fish, and the day ended with Colonel hooking one final small Chinook at the jaws. With seven fish totaling 225 inches they still were not in the top three as the winning team turned in 293 inches.

The \$600 fee for this event might seem steep, however the fee includes two breakfasts, two lunches, three dinner and two all day guided trips. It would be nice to see more chapter members involved in this fund raiser next year. In the past, chapter members Norm Ritchie and Bill Beith have not only participated but won or placed numerous times.

If the success numbers of Guide Doug Miller, who specializes in the Nestucca, Trask and Siletz Rivers, interest you, he may be contacted at:

Miller Guide Service  
541-996-4084 - home  
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Our guide was a youngster that could row a boat and bait a hook; a last minute replacement as our original guide tragically had lost his mother the day before. More bad "joss". We fished high in the basin – on the Middle Fork – which indeed had remained "clear" – and worked the mud line entering from the blown South Fork as we entered the main stem. It was that beautiful – day after the storm – kind of day. The guide worked hard, hadn't forgot the lunches, kept us safe and we stayed on the water more than the minimum. But, his boat was a mess; the rods dirty, tackle worn, lines frayed. Deficiencies real fishermen would notice. So, when you book that trip – clearly indicate to the outfitter that you are an experienced fisherman. Let him or her know your expectations. Ask questions about the outfitter's clientele. If they primarily serve tourists and other "non-fishermen" types -- whose only expectation is to have fun – then chose a different outfitter. Never leave things to chance.

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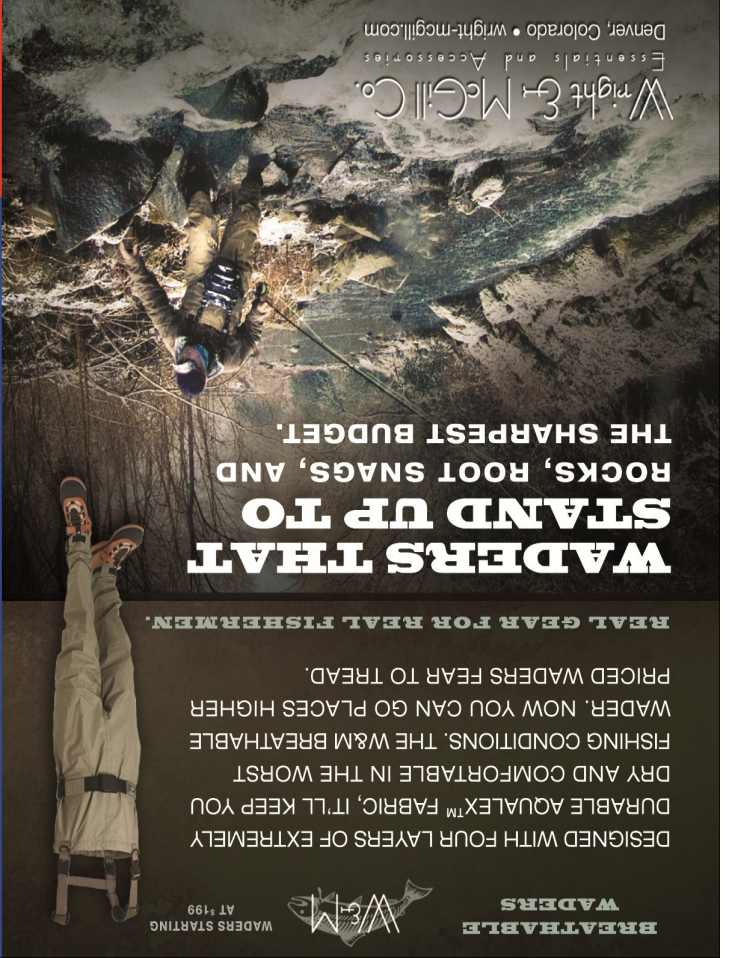
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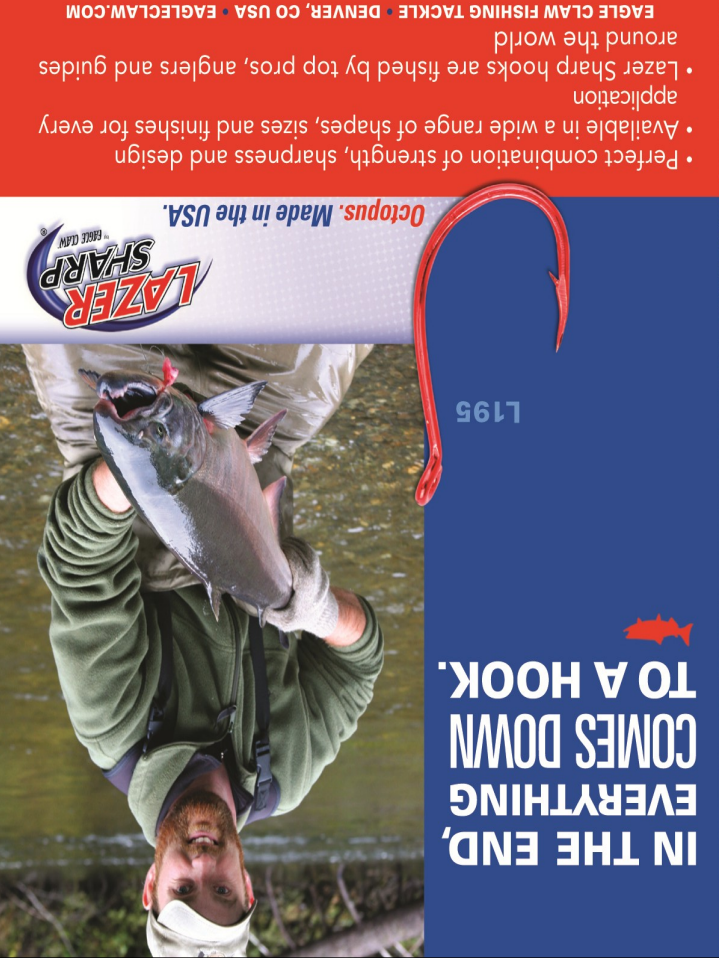
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