

Welcome New Members!

Alan Dierking

Check out page 9 for a special tackle sale happening before the December membership meeting!

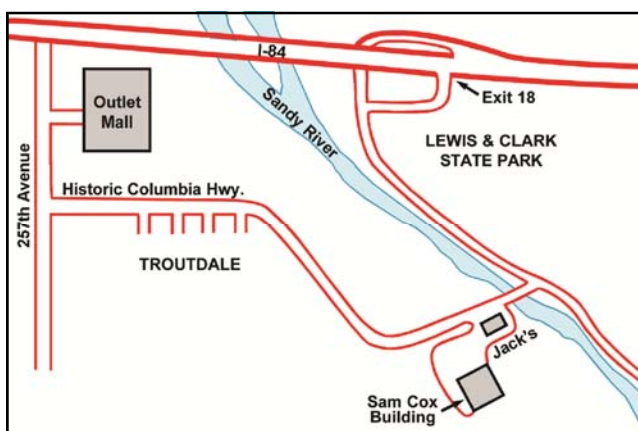
.December Guest Speaker : Nate Hunemiller from Nates Bait

The Guest Speaker at the December 5th Member meeting of the Sandy River Chapter of the Association of Northwest Steelheaders will be Nate Hunemiller from Nates Bait.

Nate is a native Oregonian and an avid fisherman. He modestly considers himself to be 'part of the 3% who help the 2% catch 95% of the fish', naturally on his cure.

Nate has been curing bait for 40 years and doing it commercially for 12 years. Nate cures 10,000 pounds of salmon eggs and another ton on prawns. He has a cures for the full color spectrum.

Join Nate for a demonstration of proper egg curing.



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

It's all Greek to me...

For those of you who have seen or are about to see the new web site, you might stop and consider for a moment the huge accomplishment this launch represents. The need to revitalize the existing website was recognized by Jeff Stoeger and the previous board. The process of redesigning the website was started. Immediately, upon being elected President, John Hydorn grabbed the project like a dog with a bone. I attended the initial meetings and barely understood the question Victor Laurence, our Web Designer / Programmer, posed, let alone the answer. John not only understood the question and in most cases had the answer, but he also understood the process required to implement them.

Victor and his wife, Kerin, developed a 5 page 11" x 17" spreadsheet broken up in phases, detailing the chronological steps required to get from concept to launch. There were over 300 individual activities, most of which required an answer to a question, before they could proceed. I used the word 'they' because at this point I recused myself for lack of knowledge.

Keep in mind some of the other things going on in John's life at this time, a stroke, handing off the office of Chapter Presidency, roto-rooter of the carotid artery, breaking his laptop, a disrupted fishing season, a web site beta launch in November and a full unveiling in December, which are both ahead of projections. I think the Chapter is extremely fortunate to have had John in the role of 'Champion' in bringing this website to fruition. Before his retirement, John had a career as programmer, systems analyst / designer, and a database analyst. Without his leadership, expertise, risk taking and tenacity, we would still have our old website with its 2011 calendar. As for Victor, Kerin and John, their work has just begun.

As Victor and John continue making the website more functional, Kerin will continue to make the website more stylish and attractive to the eye.

Now that John, Victor and Kerin have completed their part, do your part and provide the missing content, especially for the calendar.



Doug Briggs, President

Over 20 Years Full Time Fishing Guide



Jack Glass
Pro Guide
(503)666-5370

www.hookupguideservice.com

Ben gets the Skunk off

By: Doug Briggs

Ben Lee, my neighbor and I went to Lincoln City the night before, slept in a rented condo, put dent in the buffet at Chinook Winds and got up at 5:30 to put in at Three Rivers on the Nestucca drifting to Cloverdale (tidewater). We were with guide and Sandy Chapter member - Ed Fast in his "new to him" North River drift boat. Freshly painted, I might add. Ben had never caught a keeper salmon, just a native springer.

We arrived at Three Rivers just in time to help a net less banky land a dime bright 25 lb Chinook. Without Ed's "in the water" netting skills that fish would be up stream today. There were several tree limbs in the water near the fisherman and Ed had to scare the fish into deeper water, lest it break off on the limbs.

We fished bobber and freshly cured "Nates Bait" eggs along the face of the cut bank just downstream from the launch. The cut bank produced nothing but an occasional roller towards the bottom of the hole.

We switched to Kwik fish with Nates Bait cured herring wrap. We had previously discussed the ground rules of HOTB (**H**and **O**ff **T**o **B**en), so when my rod went off, I allowed the fish to finally take the bait and set the hook, before handing off to Ben (Col would have been proud!).

The next fish was on Ben's rod, which he promptly handed off to me. We beached the boat on a gravel bar and fought the fish from shore. The fish made a couple of runs into the shallow water and each time Ed pushed the fish into deeper water. Once the fish was tired, Ed netted him. The fish had a pair of marks from a squid on its flanks. Now we each have a fish, both bucks, each carrying sea lice and in the 15 to 20 lb range.

Then the weather unleashed on us - rain, hail and wind in rapid succession. As we drifted past a tree in the river, with limbs projecting out of the water, the boat swung to starboard as Ed maneuvered us into the fishable water. Ben's rod was momentarily blocked from Ed's view. That's when Ben's rod started hammering like a freight train had grabbed it. Ben yelled "I think it's a fish"! Ed pointed out that not only was it a fish, it was a BIG fish.

After the 25 lb hen was landed, tagged and pictures taken, we decided to call it a day, a fantastic day. My neighbor got the skunk off himself, we were 3 for 3 and the adrenalin was flowing! Thanks to Ed and Nate for a really great day of "catching", rather than just "fishing".

See Ben's pic on Page 5

A Legacy of Innovation
Since 1969



Mack's
Lure®

www.mackslure.com

Larry McClintock
Wholesaler
(503) 257-0553

Wedding Ring Spinners®
Smile Blades®
Hot Wings®
Sledge Hammers®
Wally Pops®
Cha Cha Squidders®
Boogie Baits®
and much More!

Did you know?

On November 3, 1805, William Clark wrote:
I arrived at the entrance of a river which appeared to scatter over a sand bar, the bottom of which I could see quite across and did not appear to be 4 inches deep in any part; I attempted to wade this stream and to my astonishment found a quick sand, and impassable.

From: Wikipedia

Board Meeting Minutes - November 21, 2012

Present: Larry P., Art I., Howard B., THE Col, Jeff S., Mike M., Bill B., John H.

Began: 6:30

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. Much time was spend discussing the recent donation from Rainbow's End.

Four chapter members assisted in helping to close the store, and we also purchased at very reasonable prices various items that we plan to use for door prizes, our upcoming auction and to sell to membership. Currently, the gear is stored with Doug Briggs, who sacrificed his car to the elements in order to clear garage space for the large quantity of boxes holding the donated items. It is thought that at this time the sale would be for members only with certain limits as to how much can be purchased at one time. Items will be price color coded so as to make purchasing easier/quicker.

- A) Previous to the next chapter meeting, there will be some items available for purchase starting at 6:00
- B) If you have a question about this purchase or what is available, contact Doug B or Jeff S
- C) John, Victor and Doug are still working on our new web page. While there are still bugs to work out, John is optimistic that the new site will be up and running in the very near future.
- D) While the numbers are still not definite, it is thought the recent association banquet brought in \$28K +/-.

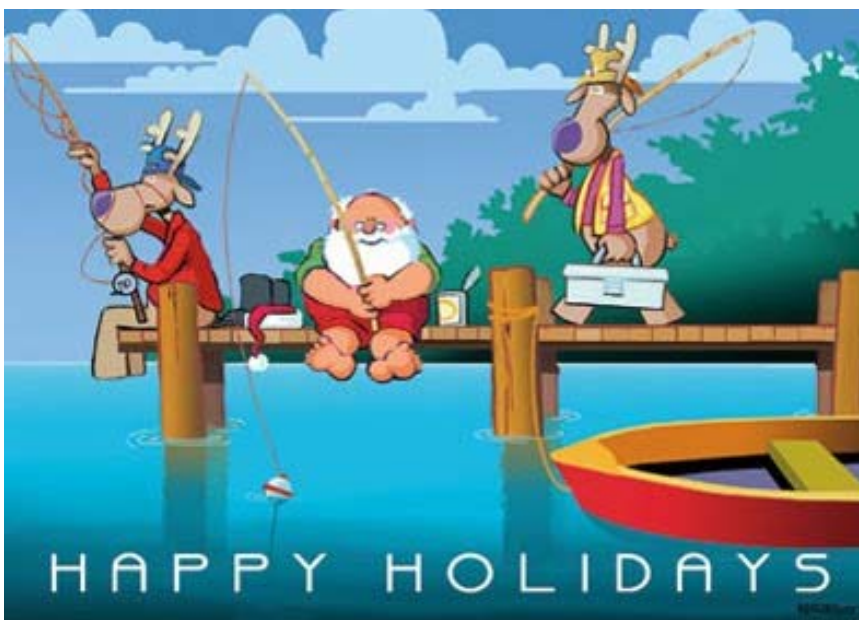
II. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Depending on the availability of Camp Angelos, Ray's Frost Bite Follies is planned for March 23 or 30; most likely the 30th.
- 2. We hope to conduct a bank fishing seminar/activity/clinic with no definite date at this time.

III. Officer Reports

- 1. We have \$10, 700 in our accounts

Ended: 8:00



It is with great pleasure that we announce the arrival of the new website for the Sandy River Chapter of the Association of Northwest Steelheaders!

We finally accomplished what we have been working towards for years when the new website was launched.

As members of the chapter, you are being notified using a facility within our new domain. It is much like the e-mail facility that we have used before, only we don't know if this one is fully functional yet.

We ask of you a very simple request, please reply to JohnHydorn@gmail.com and let him know as soon as possible if your received an e-mail was received and correct.

Go and check out our new website using our same website: www.sandysteelheaders.org

Our President has a surprise invitation to all our members on our new webpage.

And finally, in the spirit of Thanksgiving, we are thankful for all those Steelheaders that have gone before us and gave us this legacy of activism towards the preservation of all our fisheries.

Let's all join in and do something to keep this spirit alive!

John Hydorn



Ben Lee - getting his Skunk OFF !

Answer to last month's question: Who was the Chapter President in the Fall of 1993?
Bill Beith!!

This month's question: Who was the Chapter President in December 2008?

Hello Fellow Members,

2013 is fast approaching and we, the newsletter elves would really love to get more input from *you* - the members, on what type of content you would like to read in the newsletter.

We have tried to mix it up this past few months with a variety of stories, pictures and antidotes for your reading enjoyment. BUT, we need your help to keep it fresh and for you to look forward to the next issue.

We would really like to hear your fish tales and see pictures of the one's that didn't get away.

Please, PLEASE, PLEASE send your suggestions, comments, and especially content to us.

Thank you and we wish you the best in the New Year.

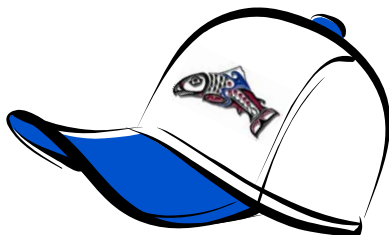
Nona & Marjorie



Sandy River Chapter Logo Apparel

Chapter apparel - shirts (men & ladies), hats, sweatshirts, blankets, fleece and accessories are available at:

www.companycasuals.com/sandyriverchapter



Wild and Scenic...
Upper Sandy River!
Only 45 minutes from Portland
Guided Steelhead and Salmon Fishing
Bird and Wildlife Viewing
Trips for Children
503-449-0195
Ed Fast Guide Service
Edfast@comcast.net
www.catchmoresteelhead.com
Fall Chinook and Winter Steelhead!
Coastal Rivers now and the Sandy River in January
 10% of all fees will be donated to the Sandy Steelhead-ers if booked by members or their referrals

Volunteers.....

You are all very important to the success of the Chapter and Association events.

Please make sure to log the events you volunteer for and *turn in your volunteer forms.*

Sandy River Chapter Volunteer Hours Form

Name _____

Event _____

Date _____ Hours _____

Event _____

Date _____ Hours _____

Event _____

Date _____ Hours _____

Event _____

Date _____ Hours _____

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

Pie Social

Wednesday - December 5th

At the regular monthly meeting

HUGE Tackle Sale

Wednesday - December 5th

6:00 pm - before meeting



Editor's message: The holiday season is in full swing, black Friday has come and gone and now it is officially the crazy time of year. Our family has been touched by many who have served or is serving our country who have sacrificed their lives and families for our freedom.

When filling out your Christmas cards, take a moment to address a couple more and send to soldiers in recovery as small gesture that you appreciate their service and let them know they are in our thoughts and prayers this holiday season.

*A Recovering American Solider
C/O Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue
NW Washington, DC 20307*



**RUSS MORROW'S
SPORTFISHING
GUIDE SERVICE**

Salmon • Steelhead • Sturgeon

www.fishwithruss.com **Russ Morrow**
fishwithruss@yahoo.com Cell **503.310.9733**

**FIRST BITE™
Jigs**

Fishing Jigs with Attitude!
www.firstbitejigs.com

*Custom Tied Schlappen Jigs on strong Owner hooks
Complete How-to Kits
Floats, Tackle and More
(503)998-3994
Mark Anderson*

Successfully Launching Your Boat From the Trailer

By: Doug Briggs

Pre-Launch:

- Raiser the motor
- Remove tie-downs
- Install drain plug
- Check safety equipment
- Load gear

- Disconnect trailer lights
- Confirm winch is connected
- Connect bow & stern lines
- Visually inspect ramp
- Connect fuel line

Launch:

- Observer ramp directions
- Slowly back down the ramp
- Keep vehicle wheels out of the water
- Set the park break
- Put vehicle in park
- Stay in vehicle, if possible
- Start the engine (optional)
- Confirm water is flowing
- Disconnect wench line

- Push boat off trailer
- Clear the vehicle from the boat ramp
- Park in appropriate area
- Beach or dock the boat
- Be observant & courteous of others
- Load balance of gear
- Perform safety check
- Put on PFD
- Secure bow & stern lines

Retrieval:

- Basically the reverse of launching
- Observe changes from launch
- Tides
- Wind
- Congestion
- Visibility
- Maneuver to the trailer

- Raise the motor
- Connect the winch line
- Winch the boat onto the trailer
- Fasten safety chain
- Slowly drive up the ramp
- Clean up & stow in proper area
- Check safety equipment

An occasional review will help avoid missing a step, like the plug!



Critter Gitter
Fishing Stuff!
(503) 257-0553

Larry & Rebecca
McClintock
Owners

"Play'n Pos'm"[®]
www.playnposm.com
P.O. Box 30454 • Portland, Oregon 97294

Deaf
TRAIL

- Breakfast -
5:30 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.
Sunday 'til Noon

755 E. Burnside
Gresham, Oregon 97030

Try Our Delicious Longburgers
11 A.M. — 2 A.M. daily

HUGE Tackle Sale!

Rainbow's End tackle shop in Vancouver is closed due to the owner's declining health. Volunteers from the Sandy River Chapter with the help from the Tualatin Valley Chapter spent a good part of a Monday tearing down racks and shelving to empty the shop.

We bought the remaining inventory and are having a **HUGE Tackle Sale** at the Sam Cox building starting at 6:00 pm on 12/5 - before our membership meeting.

There are no rods or reels, but plenty of tackle - this is NEW inventory in factory packaging at 50-70% off!

Here is a sampling of tackle available for your fisherman or fisherwoman's stocking (unless they are getting coal!):

Big Al plastic flashers	\$7
Spools (up to 3,000' - unopened) of 2lb to 12lb line	\$7 - \$20
Spools of open lite lines - 2lb to 12lb	\$5 - \$10
Jigs (packaged and labeled 1/16, 1/8 & 1/4 oz)	\$1
Scent	\$2
Packages of hooks	\$1 - \$10
Packages of swivels	\$1
Packages of yarn	\$1
Blue Fox Spinners	\$2.50
Jars of Jig Paint	\$2.50
Rolls of #12 SS wire 30' spools	\$1
Pink Corkies	10/\$1
Packages of hooks, swivels, misc	\$.50 - \$1.00
2' Wooden Boat, V bottom, no motor, tiller	\$10
4' Wooden Boat, Flat bottom, no motor	\$25

Cash is KING, but we will accept checks - sorry no credit cards

Sandy Chapter Officers

President:	Doug Briggs	503-729-2023	Directors		
	doug@leewens.com		Auction:	Leslie Hinea	360-892-0473
Vice President:	Jeff Stoeger		Fish Tanks:	Mike Myrick	503-281-6438
Secretary:	Colonel Thomas	503-666-5035	Membership:	Eric Koellner & Howard Berg	
Treasurer:	Mike Myrick	503-281-6438	River Cleanups:	Russ Sumida	503-665-3953
Sales:	Eric Koellner	503-233-1334	Stream Projects:	Joe Blum	503-704-2483
			Newsletter:	Nona & Marjorie Bowling	503-253-6606
Special Event Coordinators:				fishwackers@gmail.com	
	Jeff Stoeger & Jeff Kirkman				

Deadline for January Newsletter submissions: Saturday - December 22nd - by 6:00 PM

Marjorie & Nona Bowling—fishwackers@gmail.com

Sandy River Chapter
NW Steelheaders

PO Box 301114

Portland, OR 97294-9114

Return Service Requested

**BREATHABLE
WADERS**

DESIGNED WITH FOUR LAYERS OF EXTREMELY DURABLE AQUALEX™ FABRIC, IT'LL KEEP YOU DRY AND COMFORTABLE IN THE WORST FISHING CONDITIONS. THE W&M BREATHABLE WADER. NOW YOU CAN GO PLACES HIGHER PRICED WADERS FEAR TO TREAD.

REAL GEAR FOR REAL FISHERMEN.

WADERS STARTING AT \$199

W&M

**STAND UP TO
WADERS THAT
ROCKS, ROOT SNAGS, AND
THE SHARPEST BUDGET.**

Wright & McGill Co.
Essentials and Accessories
Denver, Colorado • wright-mcgill.com

**IN THE END,
EVERYTHING
COMES DOWN
TO A HOOK.**

L195

LAZER SHARP
EAGLE CLAW
Octopus. Made in the USA.

- Perfect combination of strength, sharpness and design
- Available in a wide range of shapes, sizes and finishes for every application
- Lazer Sharp hooks are fished by top pros, anglers and guides around the world

EAGLE CLAW FISHING TACKLE • DENVER, CO USA • EAGLECLAW.COM