



Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers

Next Chapter Meeting:

Wednesday January 27, 2016 - 6:00pm

**Round Table Pizza
4002 A Street SE
Auburn, WA**

Be sure to check out our website: <http://www.saveourfish.org/>
For a complete list of Board Members, please visit the website:
<http://saveourfish.org/board>

Speaker – Todd Girtz of Todd’s Extreme Fishing

“Lingcod Todd” Girtz of Todds Extreme Fishing.com 253-208-9142 will be covering his most productive boat and bank steelhead fishing techniques. jig & bobber, free drifting, drift fishing and pulling plugs. Todd will discuss lure and bait selection (favorite types, sizes and colors), what works best for him in different water types and under different conditions. It will be a great presentation for both advanced and beginner steelhead fishermen to pick up some new tips decades. CCA continues to operate as a three-tiered organization, affecting issues on the local, state and national levels.



Up and Coming Activities:

January

January 27-31

Sportsmen's Show
Puyallup Fairgrounds



President's Message -- Carl Carver

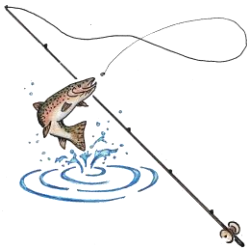
Wow what a great Christmas Banquet again this year! We had a great turnout; lots of tasty food, several activities to participate in, good conversation and an all-around good time (see details later on in this newsletter).

There has been good fishing in the rivers when the weather cooperates. It looks like there will be some great opportunities to get out over the holidays so gear up, dress for the weather and enjoy this late season salmon and steelhead fishing.

Our chapter has had another great year thanks to all the hard work and support of our board of directors and membership. We have accomplished a lot with advancing fishing within our communities with our kids, senior, and disabled fishing events. Together we have influenced changes which have improved fishing opportunities, regulations, and communication with the fish governing bodies.

Your continued due diligence is crucial in continuing to improve fishing and our fisheries for the sportsmen/women of Washington.

Thank you chapter members for coming to meetings, participating/supporting our activities/events, and for helping make our chapter one of the best in the state.



Together we will continue making a difference to improve our fisheries now and into the future. Please stay active, get involved and support the many opportunities that are coming our way in 2016. It's just around the corner ☺

Election of Officers for 2016

The following officers were elected for the year
2016 at our November General Meeting:

President: Carl Carver

Vice President: Greg Hindman

Secretary: Bob Holzberger

Treasurer: Duane Horton

Board of Directors

The board of directors is the same as 2015 and can be
viewed on our website at www.saveourfish.org



Board of Directors

Founders Award

Congratulations Frank Urabeck- This year's winner!

Frank was chosen by our membership for his outstanding support to our chapter, his excellent communication to our membership on fishing matters, and his tireless effort/long hours of service representing the sportsmen/women of Washington.

The board of directors established the Founders Award two years ago to recognize the member who has gone above and beyond the "call to help with the club". The first annual award was given to the founding fathers of the Save Our Fish (SOF) Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers and the second year award went to Greg Hindman. The board of directors collected and reviewed the ballots provided in the ballot box at our November board meeting. Frank was chosen by the board of directors based on the inputs received.



Unexpected Loss of Longtime SOF Auburn Member- Ken Kumasawa

An e-mail was sent out to the membership a few days ago informing our membership of Ken's passing on Saturday, December 12th. Ken suffered a heart attack at the Puget Sound Angler's State Board Meeting and passed away at Swedish Hospital. Ken's celebration service will be held Saturday, January 16th at 1pm in Sammamish, Washington.

Below is a paragraph extracted from an e-mail message I received written by Ron Garner our State Puget Sound Angler's President. I wanted to pass it along as it helped me a lot.

Dan Stauffer texted me a message that I really had not thought about this way. "We very literally sat there and watched Ken use his last words advising us on how to fight the fight.....Man, that is going to be hard to live up to." Dan is right on and Ken is going to be very missed. He passed with his very best friends around him and peacefully. This might sound strange but I am at peace with the way Ken passed. I have had so many friends over the years, go being very sick, painfully, and drawn out.

Thanks to members Frank Urabeck and Steve Bagley for being at the hospital to meet with Ken's wife Patsy and daughter Wendy when they arrived. You provided information, comfort and aid at a very difficult time. Ken is missed by us all. Please keep his wife and family in your thoughts and prayers.

Carl Carver
SOF Auburn PSA President



Ken and his wife, Patsy, at the Christmas banquet on December 5, 2015

Christmas Banquet Recap

This year's Chapter Christmas Banquet/Party was held on December 5th at the Kent Senior Activity Center was a huge success. Doug Williams is our party chairman an outstanding job again this year. There was lots of great food for all to enjoy thank to everyone's efforts. Rob Larsen prepared the scrumptious turkey/dressing and Gert Both provided the delicious ham as they do each year. Rich Gregory put on a great slide show again this year (thanks to all who sent pictures in) as well as all the sound and lighting. The silent auction was the best ever this year and generated \$708. Thanks to all those who generously donated items and those who bid/purchased them. The Smoked Fish Contest had several participants with some great fare. Member Shane Conrad was the winner and brought home a great Bubba Knife for his efforts. The lure tree was adorned with lots of colorful lures. Member Bob Porn last year's winner ironically had his ticket drawn again this year. Bob graciously said to draw another ticket as he already had lots of lures. The second ticket drawn was member Kathy Carino who was very pleased to win as you can imagine.

The award part of the evening's activities was excellent as it provides an opportunity to recognize those who go above and beyond to support our chapter and help make it the success that it is.

Frank Urabeck was the overwhelming choice for this year's founders award (see founders award write-up, included in the newsletter).

The president's awards for 2015 went to Norm Moberg and Hal Boynton for their outstanding support of our chapter activities, our fisheries, and always being there to make a positive contribution with hard work/dedication.

The 2015 Officers and Board were recognized and thanked for all their hard work and dedication and the 2016 Officers were introduced (see election of officers section of the newsletter for details).

Thanks again to all those who participated and made this event so successful one to remember.



Norm Moberg receives President's Award



Hal Boynton receives President's Award



Shane Conrad won the
smoked salmon contest



Kathy Carino won the lure tree





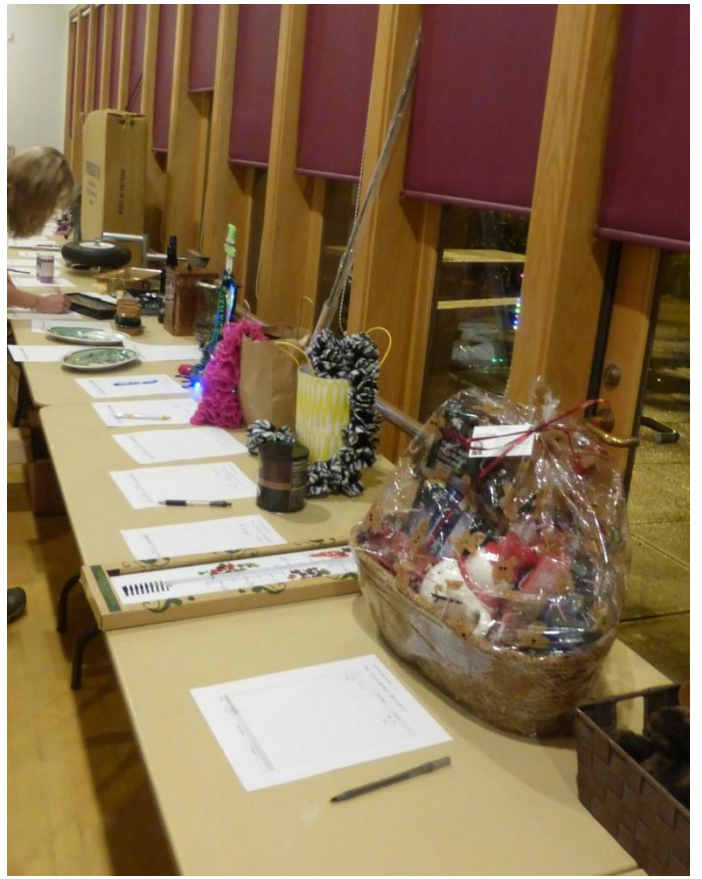












SOF Auburn Gift Wrapping Event

Thanks to our volunteers who supported the Bass Pro Shops gift wrapping event it was very successful. They represented our chapter well with beautifully wrapped gifts for the customers of Bass Pro Shops as they left the store. We received both verbal and financial recognition from the customers for the good work our chapter does. The money raised will go to support the many activities we have planned for 2016. This is another great example of how members, family and friends pull together as volunteers to make a difference for our chapter.

Member Russ Carver, Sister Shelly, Granddaughter Courtney, Wife Linda and Granddaughter Hanna



Washington Sportsmen's Show 2016



This is early notification that the 2016 Washington Sportsmen's Show hosted by O'Loughlin Trade Shows will be held at the Washington State Fair Events Center (Puyallup Fairgrounds) January 27-31, 2016. Please put it on your calendar now so you don't miss out. Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers (PSA) will have a booth again this year. We will be promoting our SOF chapter, PSA, and Coastal Conservation Association (CCA), handing out literature, selling our steelhead and salmon jigs, educating sportmen/women, and answering the many questions from the public. Bring your family/friends/neighbors, etc. and support this event as it is worth your time.

The focal person for this event is Jim Hand, who is signing up volunteers to represent our chapter at the booth. Jim has a sign-up sheet which includes the days and shifts (typically 4-5 hours, depending on the days & number of volunteers). Volunteers will receive free admission to the show, so it is a great way to save the cost of admission, support our chapter at the booth, and enjoy all that the show has to offer. To sign-up or get details call Jim Hand, c-253-740-0853.

Membership – New and Renewals

We are in the last quarter of 2015 and its time to start thinking about renewing your membership. Early renewals earn a \$5 discount from the normal rate. This reduction is good through the end of January. The rate reduction also applies to new and non-current memberships. Membership dues are used to support many community activities such as the Steel Lake Kids Fishing event, the Auburn Youth Fishing Derby, City of Algona Kid's Fishing Derby, Senior Fishing Day at Mill Pond, Disabled Sportsmen outing, and various other projects, and each membership includes a year's subscription to The Reel News. Contact our membership chair, Rich Gregory, at rwgav8@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

The membership form is available online <http://www.saveourfish.org/membership.pdf> and at the end of this newsletter.

SOF Facebook Page

Did you know that Save Our Fish has its own [Facebook page](#)? This is a great way to get club information. It can also be used to connect with other members to fill an empty seat in the boat, see where other members are fishing (if they are willing to share), or post videos, photos, or other fishing and conservation interests.



Our Website has a Facelift

Our website is going through a facelift this weekend! The new website has new pictures in the Hogpen, links to our sponsors, a year's worth of past newsletters. There is a new link on the Hogpen web page to submit photo's for the Hogpen, which will provide the pictures for the Newsletter, Website, and Christmas Banquet. Let us know what you think of the new design! www.saveourfish.org

Floats for Sale by SOF

SOF purchased Paulownia wood floats (similar to Thill balsa floats) from Auburn S&M at a deep discount and is offering them to members. They are slightly blemished and were rejected by Beau Mac because the brass ring at the bottom is not well seated. This is probably not a problem if a bead is used below the float, but can be easily fixed by applying silicone or heating the ring to melt the glue to allow reseating. They sell at Sportco for \$3 each. There are six sizes: 1/4 oz, 3/8 oz, 1/2 oz, 5/8 oz, 3/4 oz, and 1 oz. Most bags include a bobber stop and two beads for each float. They are priced as below:

18 bags of 18 floats--3 each of all six sizes for \$20

2 bags of 15 floats--3 of each size (except 3/4 oz) for \$17

19 bags of 12 floats--3 of each of the four smallest sizes for \$12

3 bags of 12 floats--4 each of 5/8, 3/8, and 1/4 oz for \$10

23 bags of 20 floats--10 of each of the two smallest sizes for \$15 (No bobber stops or beads in many of these bags because we ran out.)

Save Our Fish PSA Hats for Sale

Now you can proudly advertise your PSA chapter with your choice of two different hats, both embroidered with a colored PSA logo on the front and Save Our Fish stitched on the back.

Xtreme Guide waterproof hat is only \$20.

Quantities are limited, so bring your money and get yours at the next meeting.





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If you have a website or product you would like to share, please send the information to:
Sof.psa@hotmail.com

SOF Sponsors

[Auburn Sports & Marine](#) – Kids derby, rod donations, gift certificates



[King Salmon Marine](#) – Kids fishing derby donations



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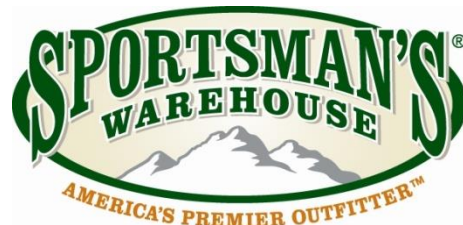
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2016 MEMBERSHIP FORM

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:	Date:	
Current address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Primary Phone (Home, Cell, Work Please circle):		
Alternate Phone (Home, Cell, Work Please circle):		
Email Address:		
Sponsor:		

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is for the 2016 calendar year. **Dues paid through January 31, 2016 are at rates shown below, reduced by \$5.00.** Dues paid February 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016 will be at the full annual rates shown below. Contact Rich Gregory at 253-209-0586 or sof.psa@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

MEMBERSHIP SELECTION

<input type="checkbox"/> New Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Renewal
Adult: 18-61 – annual dues \$30	
Family: heads of household and all other family members younger than 18 – annual dues \$40	
Juvenile: 17 and younger – annual dues \$15	
Senior: 62 and older – annual dues \$20	

PAYMENT

☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Roster ☐ TRN ☐ Email

Please check appropriate membership selection above, complete form, and bring to meeting or mail with check to:

**Save Our Fish
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Bonney Lake, WA 98391**