

The 4th ANNUAL WASCO SALMON/STEELHEAD TOURNAMENT was held on Saturday, August 28. It was another fun time for all. Even though it was fantastic fishing conditions...cool, overcast and minimal wind...the fishing was not very productive (that is why it is called fishing, not catching). The 42 entrants and numerous spectators still enjoyed a great day on the river and an entertaining weigh-in at Wasco's historic RR Depot in Wasco, OR.

Participants came from near and far. Oregon cities included Albany, Astoria, Grande Ronde, Oregon City, Troutdale, Gresham, Eagle Creek, Milwaukie, The Dalles, and Wasco. Washington was represented by participants from Union Gap, Amanda Park, Vancouver, Longview, Pilot Rock, and Yakima. There was even a participant from Escondido, California!

The 1st prize men's salmon and over all grand prize winner was **Justin Greenwood** of White Salmon, WA with a 12 lb. 6.8 oz., 30" salmon. In addition to winning a fishing rod, reel and trophy, Justin won one an original hand blown glass fish which was hand crafted in Andy Nichols' studio/gallery, Nichols Art Glass, in The Dalles.

1st place men's steelhead winner was **Jeremy Shull** of Wasco with a 9 lb. 4.6 oz. steelhead. Jeremy won a fishing rod, reel and trophy plus "a tiny tale" trophy.

Youth Division winner (for the second year in a row) was The Dalles own **Tanner Herriges**. Tanner was rewarded with another rod, reel and trophy. He caught a 9 lb. 7 oz. salmon. Thanks to Tanner's neighbor, David Re, for bringing him.

The popular "**I, also, fished**" category was a great finish to a great day. Sealed paper bags, containing items valued at about \$20, were set aside for entrants who had fished, but didn't catch a fish. 12 tickets were drawn, and the winning entrants got to pick one bag and opened it for all to see what they received.

The **silent auction** and **delicious food** continue to be popular parts of the tournament. Thanks to all the volunteers for donating their time to make this another successful year.

The tournament wouldn't have been possible without the **generous support of sponsors** Bank of Eastern Oregon, Camp's Plumbing of The Dalles, PGE Bigelow Wind Project, and Iberdrola Renewables.

Trophy sponsors included Wasco Variety and Video, Wasco House Bed and Breakfast, DeGrange Construction LLC, Lean To Café/Goose Pit Saloon, J and L Transport, Mid Columbia Producers, Full Circle Insurance, City of Wasco, Wasco Market, Sherman County Tire Factory, and PGE Bigelow Wind Project.

Generous **donations** were received from Cabelas, Fisherman's Marine Supply, Josh Cooper/Lamiglas, Ron Hiller/Okuma, BiMart, Big 5 Sports Centers, Columbia Sportswear, Yakima Bait Co/Worden Lures, Catcher Company/Smelly Jelly, Amato Publishing, Andy Nichols, Gail Macnab, and David Re.

The Wasco Salmon/Steelhead Tournament committee made a donation to Wasco's RR and History Center (RR Depot) with the proceeds from this year's tournament.

Hope you plan to join us in 2011 for the 5th annual tournament!