

Next Chapter Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 8
Time: 7:30 pm, Doors open @ 7pm
Place: Ballard Senior Center
5429 32nd Ave. NW

Main topics for this meeting:

- "Fishing Kids" Event at Green Lake, Saturday, April 24th
- 20th annual Earth Day auction, April 17th at the Meydenbauer Center
- Stream work opportunities

Featured speaker Jim Owens will fill us in on the "Fishing Kids" event and let us know what we can do to help.

April

Time to get those punch cards in. It's been rumored that unreturned cards are counted as full? Also, time to get those new regulations and licenses and start all over.

Attention:

A net cleaning team is needed immediately; cleaning must be done weekly through May or until fish released.

Chapter Officers and Board Members

President: (Open)

VP: Charles Cottone, 524-8880 ext. 40

Treasurer: Don Miller, 283-5472

Secretary: Fred Zingleman, (425) 487-9023

Membership: Larry O'Neil, 784-4303

Board Members:

Doug McGar, 782-9217

Board meetings are held at 7:30 pm, on the 4th Thursday of each month, at the Senior Center. They are open to all members and you are welcome and encouraged to attend. Your idea today may be tomorrow's activity.

March Meeting Notes

Thanks to everyone who showed up to the meeting, especially our guest speakers Mark Taylor, Andy & Georgia Batcho, and Tom Pollack. Thanks to them and a couple of other guests from other chapters. It seemed like a fair turnout, sort of... We still didn't get twenty people.

Mark Taylor is a passionate fisherman and TU/conservation advocate. He presented his vision of what we could and should do to energize our organization. He is hoping that we can open up a network so that everyone knows what everyone else is doing. He is assuming that when everybody is connected that we will be able to pick an activity to get involved with.

Andy & Georgia showed up with their usual assortment of cool trips, stylish decorator items, premium fishing hardware and trick paraphernalia, and of course that intoxicating Batcho enthusiasm that makes you want to attend that Earth Day auction.

Tom Pollack was generous enough to give us some hot tips on nailing those sockeye in Lake Washington. You really missed out and will regret it come sockeye season.

Otherwise, the meeting revolved around the usual business of trying to drum up a few more volunteers for net pen duty, raffle ticket sales, and maybe anyone willing to chair a committee.

What we need at this next meeting is a couple dozen more Mark Taylor clones. Come on down and help us figure this out.

—Frank Smith

Board Members: We Need YOU

Have you ever thought of being a board member or wanted to be more involved with the chapter but just didn't know how? Well, now here's your chance! We are in desperate need of new board members to help lead this chapter into more fruitful times. We do need people with some specific skills and abilities: assistant editor for the newsletter, several people to assist in activity deployment, and raffle director (for the chapter only.)

However, no matter what your skills or abilities, we have need of your help and have a position just for you on the board. If you are interested, please see me at the next general meeting (April 8th), the next board meeting (April 22nd), or call Larry @ 784-4303.

These only require 1 or 2 of you to step up & take incentive to oversee the operation of that function. I guarantee it is a piece of cake; if I can do 5 jobs & assist with another chapters project, some of you can surely do one item.

-Larry O'Neil

Projects Update

Des Moines Chapter and the Normandy Park Community Club have a big stream & adjacent habitat renovation project underway. It involves 200+ yards of stream at the Miller & Walker creek confluence; a duck pond and beach marsh estuary that will be cleaned, deepened, modified, redirected to control erosion and siltation, and revegetated. This is a big task that is planned to run into next year; June is the target month to start in stream work and we are now looking for about 70 logs and root balls to accomplish the plans. The logs we need should be Cedar or Fir, (bark attached) 8 to 12 inch diameter, & 10 to 30 feet in length. If you have a source of any of these materials, please call Larry @ 206-784-4303.

We also will need your help installing logs, doing invasive plant removal, or replanting native species. This is an ongoing Saturday event now underway at the Normandy Park Cove, a short 20 minutes from Ballard; we hope you will make the effort to pitch in.

If you are into bugs, there is also the opportunity to participate with macro invertebrate inventory of the stream area; this is a great fun thing for kids too! Questions, call Larry.

DIRECTIONS to 1500 SW Shorebrook Drive, Normandy Park WA:

Take 99/509 South to S 160th ST Exit; go R 1 block to 1st Ave., turn Left onto Southbound 1st Ave., approx. 1.2 miles, turn R onto Normandy Rd, heading W; stay R @ Y, then R @ the stop sign onto Marine View Dr. Go 1 block & turn L onto Shorebrook Dr. Follow to stop sign; proceed straight to Beach Club Parking on Right. →

Member Update for Feb. 04, & Meeting Your Wishes.

It seems as though a glitch has been present in TU Nationals computer for a few months & I finally got them to look into it; all looked good from their end but we were unable to access any info past Dec 03.

Now that the problem is partially solved; here are the results: 285 current chapter members, 24 in suspension (1 to 5 months in areas), & 3 in their final (6th) month of suspension. But there is good news entwined; we have 15 renewals, 10 new members, and 2 transfer ins.

We welcome Richard McCluskey, Ira Feiger, Louis Plough, Dave Kirkendall, Stephen Smith, Andy Hicks, Mark Conley, Don Roberts, Eric Hamel, Mark Busto, Monte Fullerton, & Brian Barcevac. Also, a big Thank You to those who chose to be counted & renewed their memberships.

We want your input as to what subject matter would inspire you to attend a meeting; we have a very long list of available speakers on a wide array of subject matter & we are trying to find the key to improving attendance. We would like to bring back the monthly raffle, the lure of choice raffle, & trout outings.

The other project that you can pitch in on will be assisting members of Northshore and Sky Valley chapters installing native plants along Barr Creek near Monroe after the logs are installed with big equipment; that is expected to get underway in June.

Our members have so far helped with locating some big Cedar trees & other supplies for the project; if you have some native plants to donate, call Chris Tompkins @ 206-362-6358.

To get on the list of helpers for either project contact Larry @ 206-784-4303.

20th Annual Trout Unlimited Earth Day Dinner and Auction Saturday April 17th 2004

The Washington Council of Trout Unlimited invites you to attend our 20th Annual Earth Day Dinner and Auction on Saturday, April 17th

This largest fundraising event held annually by TU in Washington State celebrates the work of thousands of TU volunteers across this great State and their efforts to "Preserve, Protect and Enhance" the Salmon, Steelhead and Trout Fisheries of Washington, by keeping our waters clean and free-flowing, protecting and enhancing habitat and teaching our Youth about the joys of fishing and the outdoors.

The Auction will be held at a new location this year. It will be at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue, just off I-405 at 11100 NE 6th St. Showcased in Center Hall 'A' are Live and Silent Auctions and Raffles plus a great dinner! This location also features easy access to I-405, offers 3 floors of parking with 400 spaces, and a quick elevator ride to the Center Hall 'A' where the auction is held.

With 500-700 items typically available, the event attempts to feature items of interest to everyone. Items for this year include; a wide variety of Fly Fishing Equipment, including

2wt to 10 wt rods, by Orvis, Lamiglas, Loomis, and custom craftsmen; reels, nets, waders, flies, pontoon boats, float tubes from Classic Accessories and much more! There is Salmon, Steelhead and Trout gear, Art, Plants, Restaurant Certificates, Food Baskets, Gourmet Cooking Equipment, Glass and Pottery Art, and Jewelry plus Fishing Trips with local guides and fantastic Alaska Adventures. There's something for everyone!

Those that have attended in the past buy their tickets early, as they know they don't want to miss this fabulous, fun event! The auction and fun is open to everyone, so bring your friends! Tickets are \$55 per person and are available by contacting Auction Chairperson Georgia Batcho at 206-246-1457 or emailing her at earthday1@mindspring.com; Chet Leach at 425-226-3069, or your TU Chapter President. Doors open at 4:30 with no host bar, silent auctions and raffles. Dinner will be served at 6:30 and the Live Auction begins at 7:00.

Many of you have special talents and enjoy creating unique items as part of your hobby or business, or may own a business, have something you would like to donate or know someone whom you feel would like to support TU's conservation efforts with a donation to the Auction, please contact Georgia Batcho. We strive to feature a wide selection of items each year including but not totally focused on fishing. We appreciate your wonderful donations as they make this auction the huge success it is every year! TU is a 501© 3 organization and donation receipts are provided. We can arrange to have donations picked up if you would like!

Plan now to attend and reserve your tickets so we may seat you with your friends. Check the Councils web site at <http://www.localaccess.com/troutunlimited/earthd.html> and click on Earth Day Auction to see some of the items we have received and learn more about what TU is doing.