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Next Meeting...

Thursday -- May 9, 2002

Doors open at 7:00 pm

Meeting starts at 7:30 pm

Northwest Senior Center
5429 - 32nd Ave NW in Ballard
"1 Block North of The Locks"

Hello fellow club members!

Here is what we have planned for this month's meeting: We're planning a club fishing trip! I talked to Gary Klein, and he said we need to come up with a date and how many people. So, if you're interested come to the meeting, or give me a call at 206-363-2172. Also, for you fly-fishermen, we have a trip planned this summer for Trophy Lake out by Port Orchard. Again, please let me know if you are interested.

For any of you who did not come by the C.A.S.T. for Kids derby at Green Lake, you missed out! Some three hundred kids came to catch some really nice rainbows. A good time was had by all! We will be helping with the Derby again next year. (see article and photo, pg 2,3)

Also, if you have not heard yet, we have lost all our fish to the local otter clan. A few good men and a tow truck from Eagle towing got the net out of the water and onto the dock. (see article, pg 2)

I would like to see our club get involved with other community projects. If you have some ideas that club members might want to participate in, please come by the meeting on Thursday night. See you all at the meeting!

--Mark Cartner, President

Last Meeting:

A BIG thank you to Herb Shepard from Seattle Sport Fishing Charters, for his excellent presentation on salt water fishing at our March meeting, and to Andy and Georgia Batcho for their Earth Day Auction presentation. (see article below)

Earth Day Banquet

The 18th Annual Earth Day Banquet and Auction was a wonderfully fun event and better than ever with 289 participants, a vast array of special TU officers from past years, a great pair of auctioneers, and **hundreds** and hundreds of items to bid on and chances to win many great prizes.

It looks like the council may make its projected income, but there is still a lot of paperwork to be completed before we know the final tally. Set your sights on April 26, 2003, for the next great event. Get your **opening day** fishing done early, then come and enjoy the evening with your friends.

Upcoming Events...

May 9. BTSC Meeting, Seattle.

May 11, 25. Carkeek Trails Work Parties: brushing, grading, graveling, restoring **Carkeek** trails system. 9:00-12:30. Cynthia Wilson, 206-781-2263, cynthiawilson20@yahoo.com.

May 17. Norwegian 17th of May Festival: **Music** at Bergen Place Park; Ballard 17th of May **Parade**; Leif Erickson Hall **Dance**; and more. Elaine Dunn, 206-684-4093.

May 18. Seattle Works Day: Carkeek Trails project; Pipers Creek & wetlands; Golden Gardens: upper-trails, **garlic mustard** removal, beach-dunes-circles cleanup; Licton Springs wetlands cleanup; North Acres cleanup. 9:00-2:00. Theresa McEwen, 206-615-0691.

May 18. Seattle Works Projects: Thornton Creek Park #6; North Passage Point; **Victory Creek** Park. 9:00-2:00. Janine VanSanden, 206-233-3979.

May 18. Carkeek Park-Piper's Orchard Work Party: Pruning, orchard area cleanup. 10:00-3:00. Meet at **Carkeek**, park in lower meadow, walk behind old Metro plant, follow trail across two bridges to **orchard**. Ron Schaevitz, 206-362-1227.

Jun 1. Carkeek National Trails Day. Trail construction and maintenance. **Snacks and water provided.** 9:00-2:00. Meet at Carkeek Park; follow the National Trails Day signs. Cynthia Wilson, 206-781-2263.

Aug 2. 4th Annual Day of Golf, Olympia Country & Golf Club.

Red Pittack Pig Roast

On May 19th, Red Pittack will be celebrating his **80th** birthday by roasting a pig at his and Carmen's home in East Wenatchee! If you know Red, or if you would like to meet this man who has had such a huge impact on Trout Unlimited and **NWSSC/TU** over a span of almost 40 years, you are invited.

Red has held virtually every volunteer position in our Council and at the National level over the years. He is, in fact, the only person to hold the position of "**Chairman of the Board**" twice and for that he is known as "Chairman Emeritus" of TU. It would take countless hours to detail all of the efforts within TU with which Red was connected over the years. Many of these tales can be told at his 80th Birthday Pig Roast.

The Pig Roast is scheduled to start early in the afternoon of May 19th, around 1:00 pm. It will be held at Red and Carmen's home, 1721 N Aurora, **East Wenatchee**, WA 98842. All refreshments, food, snacks, etc., are being provided by Red and Carmen's kids. Birthday **cards**, however, would be appropriate.

The event is being coordinated by Red's **daughter Robin**. If you have questions, or need directions, you can call her at 360-426-9656 or via email at: laspain@aol.com If you need overnight accommodations Robin will be able to give you that information as well.

If you have any additional questions or **suggestions** regarding old time contacts please feel free to contact either Robin or me. Thank you for your cooperation in this effort!

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C.A.S.T. at Greenlake

A big thank you to everyone who helped make April's C.A.S.T. (Catch A Special Thrill) for Kids fish-in at Greenlake a big success. There were **361 kids** and at least as many adults who took part in this fun event. All went home with smiles and most with a trout dinner and something to learn more about this summer and beyond.

Our own Neal Ogle got us involved, and coordinated the event with C.A.S.T.'s Jim Owens. Jim sent a thank-you letter to Neal for the Chapter's participation. Thanks Neal! Thanks also to Bud Johanson for spending the night and using his **motor home** as a security office, and also to our other volunteers: Doug McGar, Fred Zingleman, Larry O'Neil, Mark Cartner, John Ferens, Dick Sterns, Bruce McNichols, Charles Cottone, Gene Jarstad, and Mike Kelly for helping. The kids really appreciated it! (*see photo, pg 3*)


More thanks to the volunteers from the WDFW who came from as far as Olympia to set up the **containment net**, help out the Kids, clean a big mess of trout, and do the net removal chore. The event was supported / sponsored by Seattle Parks and Recreation, WDFW, C.A.S.T. for Kids, TU, Washington State BASS Federation, Zebco, and Eagle Claw. Each kid got a T-shirt and a **rod and reel** combo.

Oh No, No Coho!

On Friday, April 19th, some of our members were assisted by Jim Testone of Eagle Towing Service in **removing the net** from our net pen out by Ray's Boathouse at Shilshole. Jim's tow truck made the lifting part of removing the net very easy. See his card on this page.

If it seems early for removing the net, it certainly is. **Predation** by a clan of otters, who managed to get in and devour our entire school of coho, is the reason. Plans are underway to eliminate this **otter leakage** problem.

A few weeks earlier Joe Yee and his friend brought Joe's **Aqua View** camera down and "scoped out" the pen from inside looking for a hole or any remaining fish. They found neither. Further physical search by Bruce McNichols in his **scuba gear** located the flaw that allowed the otters to gain access. (*to page 3*)



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Was C.A.S.T. for Kids exciting? Absolutely! Her first fish is “standing on its head” in front of her brother’s shoulder. That’s Larry O’Neil with his back toward us helping bait another hook. NE view at Green Lake. See related article. --Photo by John Ferens, Fred Zingleman’s camera

Thanks go to Mark Cartner, Neal Ogle, Al Hoveland, Doug McGar, and Larry O’Neil for their skill and **hard work** at maintaining the pen project; and to Joe Yee and Bruce McNichols for their efforts in finding the problem. Thanks also to all the members who got a chance to **feed** this batch of Cohos.

Old Mine Cleanup

On Earth Day 2002, almost 130 years after the law that governs mining was enacted, approximately 500,000 **abandoned** mines litter the American landscape. Many of these mines pollute the ground and surface water with acids that can lower stream pH below that of battery acid, or with **toxic** heavy metals such as arsenic or lead that kill fish and wildlife.

According to the EPA, 40% of the headwaters of watersheds in the Western U.S. are polluted by **mining**. The Mineral Policy Center estimates that it will take \$32 to 72 billion to clean up these abandoned mines.

The Abandoned Hardrock Mines Reclamation Act of 2002 (HR 4078) would start cleaning up these polluting mines. It would establish a small fee on **hardrock** mining (gold, silver, copper, etc.) that would fund mine cleanups, and allow **Good Samaritans** to clean up pollution at existing mines without assuming legal liability for pollution they didn’t create.

It would **save** you money by forcing the polluter to pay, not the taxpayer. This bipartisan bill is authored by Rep. Mark Udall (D-CO) and cosponsored by Rep. Bob Schaffer (R-CO).

Action: Please urge your member of Congress to endorse the Udall-Schaffer bill to help clean up lakes, rivers and streams **polluted** by abandoned mines. Please click on: http://actionnetwork.org/ct/5dqpNSY1jPDv/aml_alert to send a **message** to your member of Congress asking for their cosponsorship of HR4078.

For more info, please click on: http://actionnetwork.org/ct/57qpNSY1jPD5/aml_fs

On-Line WDFW Game Survey

Olympia – Citizens with opinions on how the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (**WDFW**) should manage the state’s game animals over the next **six years** can make their views known through an on-line survey on the department’s website.

The game management public opinion survey at: <http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/wlm/surveys/gamesurvey.htm> will help WDFW **develop** a plan to guide game species conservation efforts and hunting seasons from **2003-2008**. The plan will outline long-term management strategies and identify funding priorities.

The **internet** opinion survey culminates an effort, started last May, to seek public views in identifying key state wildlife management issues. Survey questions were developed based on **feedback** from the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission, the department’s game management citizen **advisory** committee and an earlier random telephone survey of licensed hunters.

The opinion survey addresses a number of game management issues including:

- * **Scientific** management of wildlife
- * Use of hunting as a **wildlife** management tool
- * Hunting **season** timing and length
- * Land **access** for hunting
- * **Predator** management
- * **Habitat** loss and degradation
- * Game regulation **enforcement**
- * **Tribal** coordination

Survey results will be incorporated into a draft game management plan that will be made available for public comment later this spring. The final game **management** plan is scheduled to be adopted by the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission in August.

We're Planning a Fishing Trip!
This Month -- May 9th

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