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# The Snoose Junction Journal

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**Ballard Trout & Salmon Club Newsletter**

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## **NEW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I am unsure how many of you know that Mark Cartner has moved & vacated his role as chapter president; therefore I have become the new president of the Ballard Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Allow me to introduce myself and give you a short background on who I am before I go into what changes are coming to the chapter.

My name is Bruce McNicholas, I originally came from Virginia but have lived in South America, Africa, England, and a hand full of states in America.

Before moving to Seattle, I worked for almost ten years as a fishery biologist with a varied assortment of employers including State & Federal agencies, and some private organizations. Most of my work has been with endangered native fisheries including both game and non-game species. In my moving from state to state, I have been a member or have fished with a myriad of Trout Unlimited chapters; and I hope that these experiences will allow me to help steer this chapter into a period of rebirth.

Please take heart that these changes can not happen without the involvement and support of each and every member of this chapter.

The first and perhaps most important change is that we are moving back to monthly meetings, location, date, and time will remain the same the second Thursday of each month 7:30pm at the Ballard senior center 5429-32<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW. Our next chapter meeting will be on September 12<sup>th</sup>, with following meetings every month from here on out. Meetings are going to be a little different than those of the past. We, the chapter officer's and myself, plan to bring more structure, education, and unity into each meeting. For example, meetings, I hope, will have a speaker, educator, or demonstrations, a show & tell time (where members will talk about the preceding months fishing adventures), a discussion period of next months outing, and more meeting activities will be employed as the chapter matures into this new meeting format.

Monthly activities or outing will be added to the monthly schedule. During each meeting, we as a chapter will discuss activities that we would like to do. These outings may be as simple as meeting at Lincoln Park and casting for some Coho, going to an outdoor expo, or attending a Mariners game as a group, or more complex for instance camping over the weekend at Lenice or Nunley. There really is no activity that is out of bounds, it will be just a matter of coming up with new activities and locations. It then will be the responsibility of (yet to be formed) activities committee to take our preliminary ideas and make them a reality.

In the September meeting, I plan to speak and discuss in more detail and with your valued input determine what direction the Ballard Chapter will take. I hope to see you at the next meeting, changes are coming please be a part of it.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bruce McNicholas

## **SMOKED KING SALMON FILLETS**

**Available NOW**, for all to enjoy; local **King Salmon**, filleted by TU members & professionally *Alder Smoked & Vacuum packed* by **Larry's Smokehouse in Edmonds**.

These light salt, moist & beautiful fillets are a new effort by WCTU to raise funds for river restoration & enhancement projects throughout Washington State.

The effort has begun by fellow TU chapter members in the King & Snohomish Co. areas, and with your help in offering these prime fillets to your friends, this will prove to be a winner of an idea that will hopefully continue in years to come.

The fillets are priced at \$15, \$20, \$25, \$30 & a few bigger slabs are available as well as a few smaller; they are priced accordingly.

I know you will be happy with the *awesome taste & texture* of these fillets; so get your orders in soon & I will set up a delivery schedule.

Contact Larry via e-mail at or phone 206-784-4303, or your local chapter representative.

Thank You for Your Support

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**SLOOP DERBY**

Well Sport Fishing Fans, its almost here; Sept 22nd is the fun derby of the year & if the rains holds off a few more weeks those big chrome beauties should be in area 10 looking for a snack to get them up stream! This year the Ballard Chapter is co-operating in this fun event for the first time; so come out & have some fun with all the great fisher persons in Ballard & help support our salmon enhancement program. See page 3 for all the information.



**An Update, or How we spent the summer without you.**

Not that I can recall everything that has happened, but Mark Cartner has moved to Port Townsend area & dropped the position of chapter president; Bruce McNicholas has stepped up to fill the vacancy, & we are encouraged by his enthusiasm.

The raffle ticket sales at the Seafood Fest were outstanding; over 20% increase from last year & that was up more than 10% from 2000. I was happily surprised by the turn out of help at the 11 o'clock hour, a great cavalry we have. My personal thanks to all of you who came & helped out in so many ways.

Although our newsletter editor had & continues to be swamped with business commitments, we did our best to keep you informed & involved. The bi-monthly meetings were held according to schedule, but attendance was dismal, that was anticipated, being vacation time.

Some of our members helped immensely with getting the smoked salmon sale program up & running by filleting dozens of Kings & doing a lot of clean up afterward. They are also keeping some of the fillets in refrigerated storage during the sale, & are actively promoting it.

There were some council meetings attended by our representative, & contacts with local watershed groups & state & national habitat conservation organizations were maintained.

Now we are working on getting some fun outings together; first off is the Seiku get together Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, & the Sloop Tavern Derby Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>. We encourage you to participate & have some fun with other members, & help plan future outings.

I know many of you will be heading out for adventures afield with the onset of hunting seasons; I wish you all the best of luck & many safe hours & fond memories of your trips. Hopefully we can share our best stories at the Oct.10th or Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> meetings & some fish tales too.

Larry O'Neil

**Impromptu Seiku Outing  
Sept 13 -16**

We realize this is very short notice but then some of you may already be planning for the big Coho's run past Seiku on their migration to Puget Sound rivers & Streams.

In any case we would like to invite all interested members, family's, & friends to stop in at our Olson's resort Camp spot & enjoy some camaraderie around an evening campfire; BBQ some fresh catch, make smores for the little fishers, or the kid in all of us; & maybe place a friendly wager on the next days catch with your fellow TU friends.

We will have a TU banner hanging on a vehicle or posts so you can find us; the following Web site may help you find alternatives to do when not fishing or for those who just want to explore.

[www.sekiu.com](http://www.sekiu.com)

Also for your reference, here are the Phone # for the resorts / motels in the area.....

Olson's Resort (motel, camping, boat rentals) 360-963-2311

Herb's Motel 360-963-2648

Straitside Motel 360-963-2100

Van Riper's Resort (motel, camping, boat rentals) 360-963-2334

Curley's Resort (motel, boat rentals) 360-963-2281

Bay Motel & Marina (motel, camping) 360-963-2444



**E Mail Updating**

To all of you with access to E mail, we need your new addresses! Over the past 6 months or so many of you have changed servers or contact name without telling us & that has created 2 problems; 1) You have been deleted from our list. 2) It is costing us money that we prefer to put into resource issues rather than postage for newsletters.

Please update us as to your useable E addresses by sending them to ([wa.native1@juno.com](mailto:wa.native1@juno.com)) with a request to be NEWSLETTER ONLY, or ISSUE UPDATES, which will get you both.

If we now have the correct info, but you would like to be dropped from one list or the other please let us know using the same method. All will get updates & newsletter notification if no request is made to specify otherwise.

Also include your correct name spelling & membership # which is the 8 digit # on your address label. **Thank You.**

And while your looking at the label, check the expiration date following your number, are you current? If not or if your about to expire, please send a check & renewal request to our PO Box & we will do the forms (that you've probably misplaced) & forward it to TU national. If you have your renewal form please get it in the mail ASAP.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sloop Tavern Salmon Derby!

(Formerly the Targy's Derby)

In co-operation with Ballard Trout Unlimited

Sunday September 22, 2002; Daybreak till Noon, with weigh in  
By 12:30 sharp.

\$10 Entry fee with \$5 going to Prize Money & \$5 going toward TU Salmon  
Enhancement Program.

This is THE FUN DERBY in Seattle!

There will be a potluck buffet following the weigh in with prize money &  
numerous door prizes awarded!

Rules: Fish must be caught in Central Area 10 (West Point to the  
Trees, & Skiff Point to Jefferson Head).

Only Legal Salmon are eligible for prizes.

All Persons in boat must have a ticket.

Tickets may be purchased at the Sloop (2830 NW Market St.) or at  
the Ballard TU meeting Sept 12, 7:30 PM @ the  
NW Senior Center 5429 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW

TU Members may contact Larry O'Neil for tickets at  
206-784-4303 or wa.native1@juno.com

Sales for Derby Tickets Close at Midnight Saturday Sept 21<sup>st</sup>!

For More information drop by the Sloop Tavern 2830 NW Market  
Street in Ballard, or call 206-782-3330.

Come join the fun & help support TU enhancement efforts.