

THE SNOOSE JUNCTION JOURNAL

September Outing: Seiku Fishing Trip

Last months outing was fishing area 5 out of Seiku, from September 13 – 16, on Olympic peninsula. Several members of the chapter; Larry O'Neil, Neil Ogle, Bruce McNicholas, Don Case, and John Corbett headed west to Seiku and had a wonderful time. For me the chapter's president it was a fun and educational trip with this being my introduction to real salmon fishing.

The weather was good although at times it was uncertain if Mother Nature would make up her mind concerning the wind. Fishing was consistent but not hot although we did limit out each day. Larry catching the trip big fish for silvers that is, weighing in at 11.5 lbs. I did land a very nice fish however it was a wild fish and had to be released. Larry put the fish a 10 lbs, but the further I get from Seiku the larger it becomes by now it must be about 30 lbs. The catch of the trip was by Larry who caught and released a very nice 35+ lbs King Salmon, I was not present but Neal helped with the revival. The method of choice was down rigging however; I did fish a line from the back of the boat .
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Bruce McNicholas, Chapter Pres., with Silver Salmon caught at Seiku

Next Chapter Meeting

Date: Thur. October 10

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: Ballard Senior Center
5429-32nd Ave NW

October Calendar

- Thur. Oct 10, 7:30 pm, Chapter Meeting, Ballard Senior Center
- Sat. Oct 19, 6:00 am, Salmon Charter Trip
- Mon. Oct 28, 7:30 pm, Board Meeting, Ballard Senior Center

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Board meeting are held @ 7:30 pm, 4th Monday of each month, at the Senior Center.

Board meetings are open to all member and you are welcome and encouraged to attend. Your idea today may be tomorrows activity

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with out a downrigger and was able to land a few fish

Saturday night we had a small potluck with fresh barbeque Coho, rice & herbs, steak, potatoes au gratin, and veggies cooked by the king of camper cuisine Don Case. Overall we all had an enjoyable experience fishing by day, enjoying the beautiful natural scenery that Seiku provides, and of course camping out of ones truck at Olson's Resort. Day 4, Monday was still threatening rain as it pored Sunday night. Neal and Larry went out through the fog 400 yards to find smooth clear water and a dynamite morning bite. Had doubles on five times and caught & released many nice Coho before heading in with four 8 lbs + keepers by 9:30 am.

It was fun to get out with fellow TU members and do the two things all fisherman love to do, fish, and tell big fish stories. I am looking forward to planning and attending more such outing, I am sure that such activities will not only bolster more support from our current members but also bring new members into our chapter.



Membership Chair, Larry O'Neil and friend (front) having fun at Seiku

3rd Annual Sloop Tavern Salmon Derby



Frank Smith, Ballard Chapter member, with his 2nd place fish

This year's Sloop Tavern Salmon Derby co-sponsored by the chapter was a morning which the salmon may have beaten the fishermen. This years derby fish were a bit smaller than last years however, the wind may have played a part in aiding the fish elude the many skillful fishermen. This is the derby's third year and was held on September 22, As always, this years' salmon derby participants were fishing in area 10 (West Point west to the trees and Skiff Point to Jefferson Head).

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The top five fish (in lbs) were; 1st Jerry Woodruff 6.6,
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1st place Jerry Woodruff (right) & 3rd place John Enderson

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2nd Frank Smith 5.9, 3rd John Enderson 5.6, 4th Jim Lee 5.4, and 5th Mark Taylor 4.1. Charlie Files (owner of Sloop Tavern) handed out over twenty cash and/or merchandise prizes with the 1st place fisherman taking home \$100 and a Sloop Tavern Derby winner's jacket for his 6.6 lbs salmon. A great deal of appreciate is due to Charlie Files who sponsored the derby and made a sizeable donation to WCTU for enhancements efforts. We all look forward to next years derby and the fun and excitement that it brings...

Sloop Tavern (206) 782-3330 which serves food and spirits is located in the heart of Ballard at 2830 NW Market St.

September Board Meeting Minutes:

Board Members in Attendance:

- Bruce McNicholas, Pres.
- Charles Cotton, VP
- Larry O'Neil, Membership Chair

Chapter Members in Attendance:

- Mike Kelly, past Pres.

Topics Discussed:

1. October outing
2. October Newsletter
3. Christmas Party
4. October Speaker
5. Puyallup Fair Ticket Sales

October Speaker: Bruce McNicholas
Topic: A Primer to Beginning Fly Fishing

Bruce McNicholas, chapter president, will be giving a presentation on fly fishing for beginning fly fishermen and/or those thinking of entering this wonderful aspect of fishing.

Topics that will be discussed or presented at October's meeting will include;. A short speech on the origins of fly fishing and history of the sport. This topic will be brief do not worry you are not returning to school, well not just yet. The different types of rods and lines, and the difference between them, available to the average fishermen. The basic, just the facts, of fly selection, basically what the six dry and wet flies should I start out with. Finally, a show of different equipment from float tubes to the essential gadgets that every fisherman needs to catch those wily fish....

October Outing: Salmon Charter Trip

October 19, is the scheduled date for a charter boat trip on central Puget Sound for our members and guests. We a taking reservations for up to 30 people on our old friend Paul Mirante's *Sea Angel* with Emerald City Charters. The season is open for Coho & Chum salmon, and with the late rain it could be your best chance at some big Coho. We will leave from Shilshole Marina H dock at 6:00 AM sharp. The price is \$65.⁰⁰ per person and must be prepaid by Wednesday Oct 16th. All equipment is provided or you can bring your favorite setup. Contact Mike Kelly at (206) 706-8807 ASAP. Slots filled at the Oct 10th meeting must be paid at the meeting. Paul may be on hand at the meeting to answer any questions.

WCTU Raffle Ticket Sales:
A Record Year for the Ballard Chapter

With the good weather for the Ballard Seafood Fest and the additional day put in at the Puyallup Fair this years is Ballard Chapter record setter.

Seafood Fest:	\$1250
Puyallup Fair:	\$500
Sportsman Show:	<u>\$280</u>
	= \$2030

!!! Great Job Everyone !!!

The Ballard Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Meets the 2nd Thursday of every month
7:30 pm at the Ballard Senior Center
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