

## THE SNOOSE JUNCTION JOURNAL

### Next Chapter Meeting

**Date:** Thru. November 14

**Time:** 7:30 pm

**Place:** Ballard Senior Center  
5429-32nd Ave NW

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#### November Calendar

- Thru. Nov 14, 7:30 pm, Chapter Meeting, Ballard Senior Center
- Mon. Nov 25, 7:30 pm, Board Meeting, Ballard Senior Center
- Thru. Nov 28. Thanksgiving

### October Outing: Charter Salmon Trip

Last months outing ,held on Saturday Oct 19, was a charter salmon trip with our old friend Paul Mirante aboard his charter boat the *Sea Angel*. several chapter members Mike Miller, Jerome S. lead by past president Mike Kelly boarded the *Sea Angel* for a morning of fun and excitement. The day started at the crack of dawn with everyone meeting at Shilshole Marina and 6:00 am. Although no one knew what to expect the day ended with everyone with smiles from ear to ear. The action was constant through out most of the trip. Although the target was Coho it turned out to be a black mouth day with several 10 lbs salmon having to be let go since black mouth season has not opened yet. No one left disappointed and we will have to pay Paul and his Sea Angel another visit next year.

### Chapter Officers & Board Members

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Board meetings 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

## September Board Meeting Minutes:

### Board Members in Attendance:

Bruce McNicholas, Pres.

### Chapter Members in Attendance:

Mike Kelly, past Pres.

### Topics Discussed:

1. Completion of 2002 Fiscal Year financial statement

## Lenice, Nunnally, and Merry Lakes: Extended Season

This year Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife has extended the season for Lenice, Nunnally, and Merry Lakes. Usually the season is from early April to the end of October, however this year the season has been extended to the end of November.

If you haven't heard of this lakes, its about time you have, these three lakes are exceptional fly fishing lakes where one can catch some impressive sized stocked rainbows and brown (German) Trout.

The lakes our located near Beverly on Lower Crab Creek Road. From Beverly you take Lower Crab Creek Road for about seven miles where the first parking area is for Nunnally, about 1/2 past that there is the Merry parking lot, and about 1 mile past that is the Lenice parking area. Each of these lakes are hike in lakes with Nunnally being the longest hike of about 3/4 of a mile over fairly easy terrain. You can catch nice fish on either lake, many people consider Lenice to be the gem of the three however, I has always preferred to fish Nunnally the crowds are just a little less than Lenice.

Early this month I braved the cold and fished Nunnally and Merry and did fairly well with total of 6 fish, from 14 to 21 inches, for about 5 hours of total fishing time. As usual I used a float tube which is the about the only way to fish these lakes and my fly rod. These are selective gear lakes which mean artificial lures with single barb less hooks.

## Friendships = Successes

A number of years back I had the good fortune of meeting some fellow TU members in our chapter who had similar interests as to outdoor activities; since then we have become good friends & enjoyed many trips for salmon, & hunts for deer & elk. This is where the success part works in. Each of us has given the others opportunity to try new areas, discuss various ways of rigging bait or tying lures, go scouting prior to seasons & be diplomatic about making plans. This past week was a topper for us; Neal Ogle & I had put in for cow elk permits as usual, but this year Lady Luck smiled; we both were drawn for the same area! Wow this could be an awesome opportunity. So scouting trips were taken, notes compared, plans formulated & partners included; we were set. So with my long time hunting partner Don Case & Neal's son Bill we headed to the east side of the Cascades & picked a slightly different spot than where we scouted & planed on. Sound familiar? We hunted hard, seeing elk each day, they being either too many points, too far away, too close, or "dang cow permit doesn't take effect till tomorrow". Some of us were fortunate enough to see & glass a 6X7 bull & a 5X5 that was the picture of woodland royalty. So after a very long week that was giving us more "personal space" by the day, we came to the final morning chance with dim but not quashed hopes. After a good long hour of pre-dawn freezing in teen like temperatures things took a change; occasional rock slipping noises were heard on the dark side hill & adrenaline was starting to flow to eyes & ears straining to locate the source of those intermittent sounds. Then BINGO, a lone cow at what seemed to be 300 yards uphill; after too many rounds fired from chilled over excited bones, a solid -06 hit & the thought of the job ahead. But no, wait, look there's another, so after a few close rounds the magic happened again & the workload doubled. A very happy gang took a High Five break grabbed an energy snack & set out to retrieve their rewards. It took an extra morning & a welcomed chance to sleep in till daylight but it was a hunt to remember; success among friends.

Larry O'Neil

**Q: When was the last time you were at a Ballard TU meeting?**

**Well that is just to long?**

**Solution:**

Come to the next meeting on November 14. 7:30 pm at the Ballard Senior Center 5429-32nd Ave NW.

We have a new President.

Things are happening.

Be a part of it.

**Ballard Chapter of Trout Unlimited**

**Ballard Trout & Salmon Club**

**Annual Christmas Party and Potluck**

**Where: Ballard Senior Center**

**When: December 12 @ 7:30 pm**