



SEATTLE POGGIE CLUB

A Non-Profit Organization Founded in 1932 to Propagate and Perpetuate Our Salmon

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Issue dedicated to Memory of Des Smart, Poggie President for Life.

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Contributors include Poggie Roger Eggebraten and Poggie Claude Elerding

On this last Sunday in March, I learned that Des Smart, Poggie President for Life, had cast loose from his earthly moorings. He had resided at the Foss Home in Greenwood since declining health had forced him to move from his longtime home in the Roosevelt area. A single sportsman all his life, Des had served our club in many roles since his initiation in 1947. Des, like many others of his generation, was a veteran having served in the Armed Forces during WWII from 1942 to 1945. He joined the club in 1947 when meetings were held at the Golden Goose Café in the basement of the Smith Tower.

I contacted Poggie Roger Eggebraten, whom Des had personally hired to begin Roger's career with his firm, Continental Coffee, a leader in the early Seattle coffee roasting business. Des worked for CFS for 49 years. Roger and Des became close friends over the years, and Roger assisted Des in preparing his home for sale and handling many of Des' affairs when he was no longer able. Claude Elerding, another longtime Poggie member, fondly recalls Des serving as the Chairman for Door Prizes at the Ladies' Night Banquets for many years running. He helped catch the salmon served as appetizers for Ladies' Night, and to also pre-



Des and his biggest King- 58 pounds Ketchikan '03

pare the fish for Ladies' Night and for the "Old Timers Club". The smoked salmon was not the same without Des' special ingredients for the 'rub'.

Des was elected club President from 1961-1962 and was voted Poggie of the Year in 1962. He assumed the role of Treasurer from John Smart, no relation, after Clarence Olson had passed away. He must have liked the job as he remained our trusted club treasurer from 1975-1998. He continued to co-chair the club's Rainier Brewery tours/parties during the same period.

In earlier years, Des joined other Pog-

gies in their annual March pilgrimages to Sekiu. The salmon caught would be featured at the Ladies' Night banquets & be shared with the "Old Timers Club". Club members would also charter a bus & reserve the entire Shelburne Inn, in Seaview, when rooms were \$6.75 per night, Poggie Rates, and included meals & a bag lunch. The wonderful smells of baking desserts would waft up through the sleeping rooms, adding to the great memories of those outings.

Even in those early days, Des was active with other members, standing in the rain at ferry terminals & at marinas, gathering signatures and getting support for recreational fishing and conservation issues.

We will all miss Des and those of his generation. They gave selflessly of themselves to promote our club, recreational fishing, salmon conservation and reclamation. Des would want us to continue that tradition of sportsmanship and camaraderie and to "pass it on" to the next generations.

Funeral Services will be held April 9th, at 1:00pm at Washelli Cemetery. A memorial at The Foss Home follows at 3:30pm.

Get Well

As I gathered information about Des, I learned that Poggie Claude Elerding may have suffered a stroke the last week of March. He was at home and was happy to assist me despite feeling a little shaky. Please wish him a speedy and complete recovery! And a special "THANK YOU" Claude for helping us remember Des.

One Morning In July



By Bob Michajla

The sixteen day King Salmon season in areas 9 and 10 this last summer '07 was a real treat. I was able

to fish 15 of the 16 days, and honestly never had Chinook fishing as good in any of the previous 28 years I have fished the waters of Puget Sound. This is the story of one trip that stands out as being pretty special.

Oz and I had been hammering areas 9 and 10 pretty hard. We'd landed Kings every day on the northern border of 10. On about the 5th or 6th day Oz couldn't go out, so I went by myself and decided to try Possession Bar. I arrived at the boat an hour before first light. Normally dock partner Poggie Logie is there already walking his big Lab "Black", but this morning he's not around. I readied my gear and fired up the big Merc.

What a beautiful morning! It's warm, the moon and stars are out, and there's not a breath of wind. Normally I don't run the Sound in the dark, but there was such a reflection off the glassy water that visibil-

ity was not a problem.

So I took it up to 35 and headed Northwest. I shut it off in a spot I used to see a lot of bait showing early in the morning. I looked at the fish finder and saw I was only in 50 feet of water. Realizing I had gone too far up on the bar, I decided to point the boat to the Southeast, fire up the kicker, and troll at a medium clip into deeper water. I let out about 40 feet of line on my white plug and dropped it to 35 feet because the bait was everywhere between 20 and 40 on the screen. As soon as I stopped the rigger I turned to correct the wheel and heard a noise. My rod was bouncing in the holder like crazy and line was screaming off the big Islander reel. I grabbed the rod, shut off the kicker, and proceeded to land a 16 pound hatchery King. All this was in the dark mind you, and I couldn't believe my luck.

After dispatching the fish, I resumed my Southeasterly course. When I hit about 75 feet of water, the same thing happened. Only this time the fish was smoking' hot, and circled the boat three times before I could land it. It was a chrome bright 11 pound wild King, and I released it of course to continue it's journey to who knows where.

It took only 20 minutes to boat as

many Kings as I did the entire previous year. There was only one thing to do and that was to keep fishing.

The stars were starting to fade when the rod went off again. This time I was in about 90 feet of water but on the same course, and I had company. Three guide boats were slowly circling me watching the BIG jumper clear the smooth surface again and again. Luck was with me. The hook came out but the fish swam right into the net. I heard a whistle or two as I weighed the hog, coming in at 19.82 pounds. I was done and back at the dock before the clock struck 7. I'm sure hoping we get another season this coming summer. I'll be there every morning, and I hope you can make it too!!

[Editor's Note:] We are all hoping for a selective King fishery again this summer despite poor returns of salmon runs to the south. The smart fisherman may wish to try for temporary moorage at Edmonds Marina. Rumor has it that Shilshole Bay may open concurrent to Elliott Bay.

Bob Michajla, who contributed this and many other great articles, is a lucky man to have a job that allows him to chase fish. We are in his debt for the great stories and sharing of techniques and locations. **THANKS BOB!**

Due to last minute changes, we omitted the Fish Ladder which has only two entries. Please see our website at www.seattlepoggies.com for the current standings. Email PoggieJB@aol.com for entry forms, rules, and submissions or call Jerry Bica at (425) 415-8414.

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APRIL 16TH SPEAKER: Anton Jones—Darrell and Dad’s

Traveling from the east-side will be Anton Jones who operates Darrell and Dad’s Family Guide Service at 231 Division, Manson, WA 98831. He specializes in Lake Trout fishing on Lake Chelan and triploid trout outings at Rufus Woods Reservoir. Joe Heinlein guides at Rufus Woods and has developed hardware presentations that keep you fishing by allowing you to release fish until you

land the two keepers you want. Anton will bring another guide-friend & they will be offering raffle tickets for a package of 4 separate guided trips including some meal money. Tickets are \$10 each. More details at the meeting. You can reach Anton at (509) 687-0709 or email him at antonj@aol.com.

In May, Jim & Jen Stahl from J&J Guide Service will be here to talk about the situation on

the Columbia for springers and summer run steelhead. Reach Jim at 425-347-1615 or browse his website at <http://www.jandjguideservice.com>. Jim is known in our area as a steelhead expert and fishes widely in local rivers as well as the Columbia and Drano Lake. He’s an amicable guide!



Des with a 49 pounder— taken at River’s Inlet B.C., in the 1980’s.

Special Meeting Declared: Poggie Board recommends a change to Article XXIV of the By-Laws

A motion to amend the Poggie Club By Laws was discussed and carried from the Board Meeting to the floor of the February and March General Meetings. In March, some members pointed out that a confirmation required a vote be taken at a “SPECIAL MEETING”, held for the purpose of changing the by-laws. As such the President and Board declare the April General Meeting to be a Special Meeting. Another voice vote will be taken at the April Special Meeting, and if affirmative, will change the beneficiary of any club funds remaining should the club disband or dissolve. The need to amend our by-laws was brought forward by the Secretary, who noted the Natural Resources & Wildlife Foundation, Inc. no longer exists and the by-laws stipulate we appoint another benefi-

ciary. The Board of Directors has no plans to disband or dissolve the club.

This is strictly a housekeeping measure and is in accordance with club wishes to keep the by-laws accurate and current.

ARTICLE XXIV as it currently reads:

Section 1: Should this Corporation at any time in the future decide to disband, dissolve or liquidate, then any funds or assets belonging to said Corporation shall be donated to the “Natural Resources & Wildlife Foundation, Inc.” a Washington Corporation, after any and all debts and/or obligations owing have been met.

Section 2: Should the said “Natural Resources & Wildlife Foundation, Inc.” cease to exist at any time, then

this Corporation shall take legal appropriate steps to appoint another beneficiary.

ARTICLE XXIV as changed by the Amendment:

Section 1: Should this Corporation at any time in the future decide to disband, dissolve or liquidate, then any funds or assets belonging to said Corporation shall be donated to the “Washington State Youth Conservation Camp” after any and all debts and/or obligations owing have been met.

Section 2: Should the said “Washington State Youth Conservation Camp” cease to exist at any time, then this Corporation shall take legal appropriate steps to appoint another beneficiary.

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Mark Your Calendars

April 16	General Meeting: City Light Auditorium, 1300 N. 97th St. -Seattle WA
April 26	Poggie Awards Banquet: 6:00-9:30 p.m., Ivar's Salmon House -Seattle. This is our annual Fund Raiser to sponsor youngsters for a week of summer camp at Wash. State Youth Conservation Camp. Call Michele Wells to reserve your dinners. (425) 868-1608. Call John Mataka (425) 742-7948 to donate.
April 26	Wash. State Youth Cnsvrtn. Camp Clean Up Weekend. See Rudy Schaffner.
May	Annual Trout Outing at Lake Ki with Lunch following at home of George and Susie Blanchard. Come for the fishing and barbeque! DATE TBA.
May 5	Drano Lake Outing with Eli Rico. See Don Silvers
May 13	Board Meeting: Seven Seas Restaurant -Lake City WA
May 21	General Meeting: City Light Auditorium, 1300 N. 97th St. -Seattle WA
June 10	Board Meeting: Seven Seas Restaurant -Lake City WA
June 13-14	Halibut Outing: Jambo's Sportfishing. See Don Silvers
June 18	General Meeting: City Light Auditorium, 1300 N. 97th St. -Seattle WA
August	Tulalip Bubble Outing from Everett Marina. DATE TBA. See Dick Kikuchi.

ATTEND! Meetings are held monthly on the Third Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Seattle City Light North building at 97th & Stone Way, 1300 N. 97th St., Seattl,e, WA . Meetings include refreshments, a raffle, Guest Speaker, and sharing stories & tips. **Non-members are welcome!**

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*Deadline is on or before the
1st day of each month.*

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