



# SEATTLE POGGIE CLUB

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

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## MICHELE WELLS SAYS

### “FILL BASKETS WITH CHOCOLATES!”

Please tie a string around your finger as a reminder to bring a box of chocolates to the February meeting. Michele will be there to collect them and assemble some tasty baskets!

Help make our primary fund raising event a big success!

### - PASSINGS -

Our profound condolences to Joe Yee, longtime Poggie member and contributor, whose wife of 47 years passed on Jan. 23rd. Juanita Jane Yee had battled kidney disease. A memorial service was held Feb. 2nd at Jehovah's Witness Hall, Northgate.

## A Note From Your President

Thanks to Don Silvers. Poggie outings got off to a quick start this year. Following Eli Rico's great presentation at the January meeting, Don quickly booked Eli for the annual springer trip to Drano Lake, May 5-6. The returns are projected to be 6 times more plentiful than last year. He has also arranged for a halibut charter with Jambo's Sport fishing out of Neah Bay for June 13 & 14. Weather permitting in late February. Don and other Poggies may be traveling east to Rufus Woods for trophy trip-loids. Don has a deft touch arranging trips and a sensitive hand in detecting biting fish.



Walt Nakatsukata & Gary Dodobara mooring for blackmouth in Area 9.

Early February may also bring about a steelhead outing to the Cowlitz with Rico.

Closer to home, Gary Dodobara's crew has fished Areas 9 and 10 recently on All Season's mooching boat with skipper Mike

Jablinsky. For those who prefer their own tackle to chase winter blackmouth, these trips provide a convenient, comfortable, friendly and inexpensive outing. Don't forget to bring something for the potluck!

A thanks to Tom Zimmerman for acquiring our new projector & laptop (which was put to good use for Eli Rico's talk on Columbia River springer fishing). Tom has been working on a new design for our Website, look for it soon.

*Sincerely,  
Dick Kikuchi*

## FEBRUARY SPEAKER: “Safety On The Water”

For the benefit of all Poggies who enjoy boating, we have invited Gary Proudlock, the Commander Of Flotilla 21. District 13 (North) Seattle, Coast Guard Auxiliary, to speak to us about SAFETY ON THE WATER. He appreciates our being a bit older and wiser than many boaters, but wants to remind us to update our equipment

and consider how easily we older boaters can find ourselves in trouble.

Don Saunders, who with one strong arm pulled a fellow fisherman from Puget Sound, would vouch for how important it is to be prepared. (He also saved the fellow's downrigger—it had slipped away from it's base as the fish-

erman leaned against it.) And quietly ask Rudy Schaffner about how easy it is to lose one's footing in a slippery aluminum V-hulled boat.

**Don't miss Gary's professional advice & appeal for being safe.**

# North Fork Stilly “Mystery Drift” Dec. ‘06



By Bob Michajla

I get to fish a lot in December. Looking at my log, I booked at least part of 18 days in the month just passed. Most of those

“trips” were only 2-3 hours each, but that’s one of the beauties of NW steelheading. If you’re dedicated you can head to the river for a quick fix of Nature’s Glories. My season started out OK. I hooked 7, landing 4 in the first two weeks of the month. But all of those fish were in hatchery holes we virtually had to fish because of the high muddy water. From the 15th until the 29th I lost an amazing 9 in a row, mostly because I’m old with no talent. But that aside, I needed to change hooks, rods, leader lengths, and especially stay away from other fisherman who cast over your line when you’re playing a fish. Enough of that....my luck had to change, and early on the 30th I headed for the Stilly.

I started out the morning in the Seapost area, fishing a quick pass through 4 small, separate drifts. Without so much as a good bump for encouragement, I decided to leave this prime colored, mid-river spot and try my luck high in the river. What a mistake! The water was too low and clear, with no fish showing.

So with only a couple of hours left to fish, I drove way downriver to a favorite hole, one that I had taken more large steelhead in than any other. There was no one in the parking area, which can be either a good or bad sign. If there’s a lot of cars, maybe there’s a lot of fish or just a lot of fishermen. If there’s no cars. Maybe you blundered into a gold mine all for yourself, or maybe there’s *no* fish. Either way, I’m committed to working this drift to change my luck for the better.

The half mile trail showed a small number of fresh boot tracks, so I know it had been fished earlier. Maybe it’s too muddy I reasoned. Maybe there’s no fish. A variety of thoughts cross your mind on the walk in to fresh water when you have a case of buck fever. When I first saw the water it looked a little dirty, but I soon realized it had a full 2 feet of visibility, maybe more. The height was perfect for this drift. So now I had to see if the fish—just one would be fine—were there. I sat for a moment and gave thanks for coming to this majestic place. This will be pure steelheading in the true sense of the words—not only was I to exercise a memory, but hopefully create a new one with ideal water, no people, and my 2 Border Collies to share it with.

This drift is huge for the Stilly, a full 200 yards long at this water level. I started at the top of the hole and worked it well all the way down to the last 50 yards. Still no signs of life. I stepped out of the water and changed gear. I put on a #6 50/50 Spin-n-Glo, trimmed the wings for

the long cast, shortened my leader, and changed my lead rig to a slinky. I needed to fish the flow off the far bank and swing my Spin-n-Glo in off the flow—much like “fishing the swing” in fly fishing. This new set-up would serve me better. About the third cast my slinky felt like it hung up and quivered—an unnatural feeling.

I came back hard, reeled down fast, and set again. Out and downriver about 100 feet erupted a chrome slab. He took off downstream like he really had somewhere to go and I was right behind him. In, out, up, and down with me and Scout and Star in close pursuit. I worked him upstream to the sandy beach. Most large fish hate the shallows and he was no exception. He fooled around a lot, flipping, flopping, jumping, and running. I kept changing the direction of my pull and the angle of my rod, keeping him off balance. Soon he was mine. I corralled him gently, and knelt to attend to my prize. With a dorsal like a sail and a thumb size adipose, this magnificent beast was WILD!! Into my pockets for the tape. 36 inches long—an easy 16 pounds. Wild December steelhead are so rare, I couldn’t help thinking this specimen was worth all nine of the last fish I lost. I slipped him quickly back where he came from, admiring every inch of his golden chrome color, hooked lower jaw, and faint rose stripe. And as I’ve said before, I can only hope he’s not the last of his kind.

(Bob can be found wading local rivers with his two Border Collies)

# A New Tradition For Fundraising



President Dick Kikuchi is hoping to start a new tradition this year by assembling and donating "The President's Basket" to the

annual Poggie fund raising banquet. His wife, Mary is pictured here showing off some of Dick's favorite kitchen tools & cookbooks, which will be featured during our Awards Banquet in April. Use the

folding market tote for your supermarket outings! Be sure to sign up for the banquet and bid on Dick's bright blue basket of goodies which include (valued at \$160):

- Epicurean 15x11 composite cutting board \$32
- Cuisinart 7" Santoku vegetable knife \$35
- Ikea stainless chopper (for Macadamia Nut Recipe) \$15
- Asian Bistro Cookbook from Andrew Chase \$18
- Recipes to Lower Your Fat Thermostat \$15
- Seafood Twice a Week (eat

- your way to health) \$15
- Three all cotton hand towels \$5
- Tony Chachere's Original Creole Seasoning \$5
- Folding Market Tote \$20

There will be many other tasteful, tasty and useful items to capture your attention and attract your bid at the **Poggie Awards Banquet April 26th!**

**Poggie's Board of Directors can be found on our website [www.seattlepoggies.com](http://www.seattlepoggies.com)**

## FISHING CONTEST 2007 FINAL

### Blackmouth

- 13lb 1oz Alexander Logan- Area 10
- 10lb 5oz Mike Karbowski - Pt. Townsend
- 10lb 4oz Don Saunders - Area 9

### Kings Outside

- 30lb 4oz Gary Dodabara - Westport
- No others Reported

### Kings Freshwater

- 28lb 7oz John Mataka - Humptulips River
- 26lb 0oz Don Silvers - Lk Sammamish
- 23lb 4 oz Tom Zimmerman - Samish River

### Silvers Inside

- 11lb 7oz Don Silvers - Possession
- 10lb 0 oz Jerry Bica- Edmonds
- 8lb 4oz Alexander Logan - Edmonds

### Silvers Freshwater

- 15lb 5oz Tom Zimmerman- Humptulips River
- 14lb 0oz Don Silvers -Snoqualmie River
- 12lb 2oz Dick Zwaller - Snoqualmie River

### Pinks

- 5lb 14oz Alexander Logan - Lk Sammamish
- 5lb 0oz John Kamikawa - Area 9

### Trout

- 14lb 4oz John Mataka - Lake Chelan
- 11lb 6oz Tim Cullinan- Lake Chelan
- 11lb 0oz Don Silvers - Lake Chelan

### Steelhead

- 12lb 0oz Tom Zimmerman - Cowlitz
- 9lb 4oz John Mataka - Cowlitz

### Kings Inside

- 22lb 5oz Don Silvers - Elliot Bay
- 15lb 0oz Jerry Bica - Possession Bar
- 9lb 2oz Ken McElmeel—Possession Bar

### Silvers Outside

- 15lb 0oz John Kamikawa - Sekiu
- 14lb 0oz Don Saunders - Sekiu
- 12lb 11oz Don Silvers - Ilwaco

### Chum

- 20lb 0oz Tom Zimmerman - Skykomish River

Copies of the contest rules and entry forms are in the membership listing. Get more entry forms and send completed forms to Pogy Jerry Bica. Email [PoggieJB@aol.com](mailto:PoggieJB@aol.com) or call 425-415-8414.



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### Mark Your Calendars

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| February 5  | 2008 Fishing Kid's Meeting: Seattle Parks Office, 100 Denny Way -Seattle |
| February 12 | Board Meeting: Seven Seas Restaurant -Lake City WA                       |
| February 20 | General Meeting: City Light Auditorium, 1300 N. 97th St. -Seattle WA     |
| March 11    | Board Meeting: Seven Seas Restaurant -Lake City WA                       |
| March 19    | General Meeting: City Light Auditorium, 1300 N. 97th St. -Seattle WA     |
| April 8     | Board Meeting: Seven Seas Restaurant -Lake City WA                       |
| 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      |
| April 26    | Washington State Conservation Camp Clean Up Weekend                      |
| 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     |

**ATTEND!**

Meetings are held the Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Seattle City Light North building at 97th & Stone Way, one block east of Aurora Avenue. Meetings include refreshments, a raffle, Guest Speaker, and sharing stories & tips with fellow sportfishing enthusiasts. Non-members are welcome to attend!

**CONTRIBUTE**

This newsletter relies on member contributions. Please send editorial contributions such as news items, announcements, photos etc to:

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

Join the Poggies!  
One year membership is only \$20.  
Contact John Mataka at 425-742-7948.