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Our Salmon

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Letter From Your President

A New Year's greeting to fellow Poggies from your newly elected President. I am looking forward to working with other newly elected officers, board members and current board members. I am very grateful for their participation. We have a lot of work to do in 2008, including the yearly tasks of establishing our budget and organizing our annual banquet, and some unforeseen ones such as restoring the flood-damaged hatchery site.

For those of you who may not know me well, I am a retired Boeing and US West computer analyst. I still have a day job managing my rental homes and am especially busy preparing one for sale. Prior to entering data processing, I worked as an account executive in yellow page advertising and data communications. I grew up on a small farm in the Yakima Valley back when the pheasants were plentiful, there were salmon in the river, '57 Chevrolets were the rage, and gas cost 25-cents a gallon. I've been a Club member since 1991 when my (then) neighbors Stan Freed and Tiny Lamoureux invited me to join.

My wife and I recently moved to Everett to get away from the crowds and busy streets of Seattle. From my office window, I can see the Abraham Lincoln moored with her complement of escort ships, Tulip Bay, Camano Head, and Hat Island, and boats coming in and out of the marina below.

You will find a couple of fishing boats in my backyard, along with a motorcycle, bicycle, and some shooting irons in the safe. So I spread myself a little thin, but find time enough to fish with other Poggies.

Since I am retired and my wife Mary still works, I have learned to do more of the cooking and housework so she can concentrate on her career. I like to reserve the weekends for the two of us and use the weekdays as my recreation time. Works out pretty darn well.

The Club closed last year by hearing Gary Loomis, a legend in his own time, describe the future of recreational fishing. His talk made me realize that unless we get organized and politically effective like the Rocky Mt. Elk Foundation or the Sierra Club, salmon runs and recreational fishing will die with us. And recreational fishing has a much broader economic impact than does commercial fishing—supporting as it does a vast network of big and small businesses from motels to tackle and boat manufacturers.

So in closing, my message to you is that we want to be connected to the past, but committed to the future. Please join me at our first meeting of 2008 on January 16th.

Sincerely, Dick Kikuchi

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Board of Directors 2008

President.....	Richard Kikuchi*
Vice President.....	Larry Ngayan*
Secretary.....	John Mataka
Recording Secretary.....	Jim Riesen
Treasurer.....	John Kamikawa*
Game Warden.....	Jerry Bica
Director.....	Don Silvers*
Director.....	Ron Neilson*
Director.....	Dick Zwaller*
Director.....	Tom Zimmerman
Director.....	Joe Hall
Director.....	To be announced
Past President.....	Tom Neu
President for Life.....	Des Smart
Associate Director.....	To be announced
Associate Director.....	To be announced

*Newly elected

We are still seeking parties interested in becoming Associate Directors. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact Dick Kikuchi at 206-930-3425 or email him at richard.l.kikuchi@comcast.net.

Officers serve for a one-year term from January through December. The Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm for dinner at the Seven Seas Restaurant, with the business meeting starting at 7:00 pm.

Contribute to this year's Poggie Awards Banquet Ideas for Prizes

By Michele Wells

Let's make this banquet the most fabulous ever! First mark your calendar for April 26th. Second send in your reservation now! Third, plan to contribute a prize for the silent auction, create a theme basket, collect or donate a small item for table favors, or bake something for the dessert table. Following are some ideas for contributions:

- Re-gift! If you have a gift you received but would prefer to pass on, bring it in! This works as well with prizes you have won.
- Ask the businesses you frequent for a donation—emphasize to them it is advertisement and Poggies will patronize their business. Popular items—fishing gear, dinner gift certificates, any gift certificate. No item is too small. We can group similar items into gift baskets.
- Make a donation of your own. Purchase close-out or clearance items from variety stores, craft stores, beauty supply stores, or donate cash to purchase gifts.
- Make something! So many of you Poggies are talented; share your talent with the Club. Make quilts, tie flies, create artwork, knit or sew.
- Bake for the dessert table. Display your dessert on a beautiful tray or plate to entice more buyers.
- Donate a service. Can you take the winner of the prize on a special fishing trip? Can you bake the winner of the prize a dessert for each month of a year or event just 3-4 months? Can you offer house cleaning services for a day?
- For the ladies drawing, donate candles, romantic movies, wine, chocolate and other candy, stationary, gift certificates for spas, etc.
- Donate gift wrap, gift bags, or wrapping material to make our prizes beautiful.
- Remember, Poggies have children and grandchildren—how about a basket of craft items or kits to keep little hands busy, toys, or movies on DVDs?

General Election Results

We have a new slate of officers and some returning members to our Club board — replacing Tom Neu as president is Richard Kikuchi; filling a position that went largely unfilled for most of 2007 is Larry Ngayan as vice president, and three new directors: Don Silvers, Ron Nielsen, and Dick Zwaller. Members returning to the Board again this year are John Mataka, secretary, Jim Riesen, recording secretary, John Kamikawa, treasurer, Jerry Bica, game warden, Tom Zimmerman, director, and Joe Hall, director. Thank you all for stepping up to serve your Club in 2008.

For you officers stepping down, our heartfelt appreciation for your time, effort, and accomplishments. We look forward to your continuing participation in Club activities as “civilians.”

At right (the one holding the very big fish), 2008 president Richard (“Dick”) Kikuchi enjoys the fruits (or should we say, the fish) of his labors—a day spent angling in Tillamook Bay on a fair and fine day.

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January 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Brd Mtg	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Gen Mtg	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Tengu Banquet
27	28	29	30	31		

Items on Our Calendar for January

Speaker

January 16 General Meeting

We are convinced that **Eli Rico** is one of the most well-rounded Washington salmon and steelhead fishing guides. And one of the hardest working, I might add! Eli fishes Washington rivers for salmon, steelhead, walleye, trout, bass and sturgeon from the Olympic Peninsula to the northern tributaries at the Columbia River. Eli spends more than 250 days a year on the water. Locally, he targets salmon and steelhead on the Snohomish/Skykomish River system. On the Olympic Peninsula, you will find him on the Quillayute, the Hoh, Sol Duc, Bogachiel, Queets and main stem Queets rivers. Travel south with him to the Big C (including tributary fisheries like the Cowlitz, Klickitat, Wind and Yakima rivers) and the Chehalis River system. We have even taken personal best fall Kings in Lake Sammamish in his big Wooldridge sled.

Eli will talk to us in January about his experiences in 2007 and look into his crystal ball for predictions on 2008. Some of us are waiting to join him again at Drano Lake for Springer fishing. But don't wait too long, as Eli is now becoming almost too well know, having been featured on the Northwest Wild Country Radio, in *Washington Fish & Hunting News* and other publications. So DON'T MISS the January 16th meeting!

Mark You Calendars



February Meeting Speaker

February 20

In **February**, our presenter will bring a more serious topic to our meeting. **Gary Proudlock** is the local Flo-tilla Commander of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and has volunteered to bring his timely and valuable water and boat safety presentation to the Poggies.

Doubtless, you have noticed a little less spring in your stride lately? Or maybe you have heard where a little forgetfulness and drain plugs or trailer lights, or donning a life vest might have caused a serious problem? Gary and his volunteers will be here to remind us once again to be mindful and to make allowances for our personal limitations and to discuss the new requirements for boaters to be on the water!

Tengu 2007 Awards Banquet

Saturday, January 26th

The annual awards banquet will be held at
Sun-Ya Restaurant
605 7th Ave. South
At 6:00 p.m.

Cost for a wonderful dinner served family style is \$15 per person and \$10 for children under 12 years old. R.S.V.P. to Al Akada, 206-722-4748

2008 Annual Poggie Awards Banquet

Saturday, April 26

- Save the date
- Send in your reservation now!
(Reservation form inserted in this newsletter)
- Contribute
(See page 2 of this newsletter for ideas)



FYI

December's Meeting Christmas Lure Tree Results

Thanks to all the Poggies that helped make the Christmas Lure Tree successful. The lucky winners were Poggies Jerry Bica and John Mataka. Don't ask why we had two winners...but we did. They split up about 50-plus lures (50 times \$3 each equals \$150 worth of lures!), and won the graphite HMX fishing rod with custom handle donated by Poggie Joe Yee.



Christmas tree resplendent with packages of lures made a fun finale for 2007 and two lucky Poggies' holidays very bright.

Thank you John Kamikawa for having the idea and making it possible. And to all of you who contributed and participated.

Reaching Out to An Ailing Poggie

Poggie George Blanchard underwent bypass surgery this month and will be recuperating at home. He has been on dialysis. The phone number there is 360-654-1981. Let's wish George well and keep he and his wife Susie in our thoughts.

Annual membership dues are due!

If you haven't already, please mail in your 2008 membership renewals. Check the members section of our web site, <http://www.seattlepoggies.com>, for the renewal form.



Hatchery News from Eagle Creek

In the first week of December a movement of water and muddy debris caused damage to the Poggie Club salmon hatchery at Eagle Creek in Monroe. Inlet pipes that supply fresh water to the eggs and smolts were damaged by the "hundred-year" torrent of rain and wind. This forced the early release of this year's hatch of salmon smolts by about a month.

The Poggie Club would like to recognize Jerry LaFrance, who quickly organized a work party, mobilized a work crew, assessed the damage, and planned for needed repairs. His urgent call for volunteers, especially those with construction skills and battery powered tools brought out builder Fritz Kiemle. Fritz willingly waded into the muddy mess to help repair the pipes. We doff our hats to Poggie Fritz Kiemle, who is also a Washington State Master Hunter. According to hatchery coordinator, Jerry LaFrance, another work party is planned for early 2008.

Thank you Jerry LaFrance and Fritz Kiemle for your true sportsmanship.

63rd Annual Tengu Derby Wrap-up

An unusual and predictable late fall and winter event, the annual Tengu Derby was held again in Elliott Bay. This mooching-only derby targets winter blackmouth and pays homage to the old Japanese salmon fisherman who knew the bay and kept their holes secret just as they kept as family secrets their favorite Matsutake mushroom haunts. Billed as a "fun, salmon fishing derby" it can be a festival of cold wind and driven rain, rough water, and lack of bait and salmon inside the bay. But the die-hards in 2007 found the blackmouth had returned to the bay in numbers larger enough to hold their interest.

Several Poggies fished in the derby, and they include: Gary Dodabara, John Kamikawa, Tom Neu, Tom Zimmerman, John Mataka, Don Saunders, Herb Shepard, and Primo Baccetti.

No Poggies finished in the top three this year, but Poggies did take some top weekend honors. Bennie Wong and members of his family were the fishermen to beat this year, finishing just out of top place by a few ounces, but scoring fish on nearly every weekend.

Fishing Contest 2007 Final

Blackmouth

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

Steelhead

- 12lb 0oz Tom Zimmerman Cowlitz
- 10lb 0oz Bob Michajla Skykomish
- 8lb 0oz John Mataka Cowlitz

Trout

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

Chum

- 20lb 0oz Tom Zimmerman Skykomish R.

Pinks

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

Copies of the contest rules and entry forms are in the membership listing. Get more entry forms and send completed forms to Poggie Jerry Bica, email Pog-gieJB@aol.com or contact him at (425) 415-8414.

Kings Outside

- 30lb 4oz Gary Dodabara Westport

Kings Inside

- 22lb 5oz Don Silvers Elliot Bay
- 19lb 15oz Bob Michajla Area 9
- 15lb 0oz Jerry Bica Possession Bar

Kings Freshwater

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

Silvers Outside

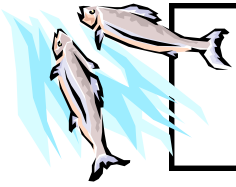
- 15lb 0oz John Kamikawa Sekiu
- 14lb 0oz Don Saunders Sekiu
- 12lb 11oz Don Silvers Ilwaco

Silvers Inside

- 14lb 9oz Bob Michajla Area 9
- 11lb 7oz Don Silvers Possession
- 10lb 0oz Jerry Bica Edmonds

Silvers Freshwater

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



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ATTEND

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Seattle City Light North building located on 97th and Stone Way, one block east of Aurora Avenue. Meetings include refreshments, a raffle, and sharing stories and tips with other sport-fishing enthusiasts. Non-members are welcome to attend.

CONTRIBUTE

This **newsletter** relies on contributions from our members. You can make editorial contributions by emailing your news item, announcement, photos, etc. to Richard.I.kikuchi@comcast.net. Please write "Newsletter" in the subject line. Contributions should be emailed before or on the first day of the month.

SEATTLE POGGIES ONLINE

You can view this newsletter in color online at www.seattlepoggies.com. Our website also posts event photos, list of upcoming Club outings, fishing tips, and links to useful information.

JOIN

One year's membership is \$20.00. If you want to join or wish further information concerning the Poggies, fill in the form below and mail it to John Kamikawa, or contact Club secretary, John Mataka at (425) 742-7948 or email him at jmataka@earthlink.com.

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Phone _____ Have Boat: Yes No

Spouse Name: _____ Kids: Yes No

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