



SEATTLE POGGIE CLUB

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

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MICHELE WELLS SAYS

“SEND BANQUET RESERVATIONS!”

Please tie a string around your finger as a reminder to send your banquet reservation in soon! We have received only a small number to date. See page 4 for your convenience!

Help make our primary fund raising event enjoyable and memorable for all!

-Ebb Tides -

Our condolences to the families of **Don Hamilton** and **Bill Campbell**, two former Poggie Club members, who passed away in recent months.

Former Poggie Bob Mills is being cared for at the Dementia Care Unit, VA Hospital, American Lake, Tacoma. Cards can be sent to his wife Lana Mills, 1621 SW 307th Street, Federal Way, WA 98023

A Note From Your Chief Poggie

Recent newspaper articles caught my eye. One put forward the idea that regulations limiting fish harvest to only larger fish leads to the decline of a fishery??!!

The AP story in the Seattle Times mirrors what is already known about immature wildlife like young bull elk breeding in place of older and stronger males. This happens through hunting regulation. Our local regulations now favor the taking of yearling bull elk only. A healthier herd has rebounded.

From the Sacramento Bee quoted by the Everett Herald: Calif. -- A **total closure** of commercial and recreational salmon fishing may be needed this year to protect dwindling Sacramento River fall chinook populations. The PFMC stated that the 2007 fall run is at its **lowest level in 37 years**. All California salmon fishing may have to be closed in 2008.

And from NOAA by Jeff Barnard, AP writer, and carried by the Seattle Times—lack of ocean upwelling in 2005 prevented formation of the normal food chain.

King and Coho salmon returns to streams in Oregon and California were lower than expected.

So what does this have to do with us? Is time running out for the fish runs that we depend on? Might we see the demise of the Pacific Salmon in our lifetime? Let's not wait to catch the last fish. **We can start now to save and restore our fish runs before they disappear.** Remember what happened to Lake Washington steelhead. The sea lions got them all.

We heard Gary Loomis of CCA, the new preacher for saving the Pacific Salmon. While we may have minor disagreements with some of his methods or conclusions, it is clear to me that **our goals are in line**

with his. *Sports and recreational fisherman need to organize effectively, gain financial and political power to become a recognized single entity with a big message. We are competing for airtime with people who burn down million dollar mansions to gain attention!*

If we intend to leave a legacy of viable fish runs, & ethical sportsmanship, the time for action is now. We cannot take the attitude that "it's someone else's worry or problem." Votes and dollars count. **Vote your sport and send your dollars** to support those organizations like CCA and individuals who are our proponents. Try to forget the trivial differences that may have prevented you from contributing in the past. Now is the time. We ain't gettin' any younger.

Sincerely,

Dick Kikuchi,
Chief Poggie

MARCH SPEAKER: “Mike Jamboretz -Finding Spring Halibut”

Our guest speaker for March 19th is well known to many Poggies who enjoy fishing for halibut and bottom fish. Captain **Mike “Jambo” Jamboretz** is the owner and operator of **Jambo's Sportfishing** (425) 788-5955. He fishes Washington and Canadian waters from Neah Bay. Canadian possession limits for halibut are more generous (2-halibut) compared to Washington State limits (1 halibut plus bottom fish). Please give Mike a call for a Halibut trip!

Tale of the Ghost Fisherman

By Ken James McLeod—submitted by Don Silvers

During the Autumn, I spied an old fellow casting his flies far out atop the riffles on the North Fork Stilly. And when I saw him, it was during the evening hours and right before dusk. He appeared as if from nowhere. What a mysterious looking old fellow I thought, but yet there was something very warm and genuine about him; a trait now lacking in today's fishing crowd.

Simply, he was the kind of angler one only needed to watch to understand, for his concentration and casting said it all. In fact his casts were the most graceful I had ever seen - fluid, precise, effortless. I could tell there was pure mastery in those old hands. And as I watched from a distance, I sat spellbound in the fading light of the day along the river. Yes, the river was all his alone. His dress: he sported an old torn fly-ridden hat, a tattered vest, and hip boots that had seen better days. His fly rod was made of glass I think, for it didn't have that fast action of fancy graphite used by most anglers today. His reel a fine old Hardy from the '30's or '40's.

Everything about him seemed from a time since past, much like that of those anglers in the movie *A River Runs Through It*. It was nearly dark when I lost sight of

him. I had been distracted by a night hawk and when I glanced back to him, he was gone. That's odd I thought. Where did he go?

A mist had developed over the river and the time was getting short. The sun had long since gone behind the Olympics, so I proceeded back to my car. But as I did so, I couldn't help but think about that old gent and how he disappeared into thin air.

The next morning I searched the sand along the water edge adjacent to the gravel bar where he had been fishing. No tracks! "This is real strange," I said out loud. Maybe I'd seen a ghost?

Later in the day, I asked the guy behind the counter at the local store if anyone had ever reported seeing a mysterious looking old gent fishing right at dusk, and then simply disappearing at dark into thin air?

The counterman replied, "oh yes, he's our ghost fisherman, he appears around here every Autumn for a few days, and always at dusk...."



Poggie Roster Corrections: Bring your 2007 roster up to date.

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Ken McElmeel - email kiwi195swl@verizon.net

Page 5: Life Members - add Paul Wells and on

Page 19: Add - Wells, Paul

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Page 19: Add - Zwaller, Dick

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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 General Meeting, where a voice vote confirmed the recommendation. Another voice vote will be taken at the March General Meeting, and if affirmative, will change the benefactor of any club funds remaining should the club disband or dissolve.

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 Camps" after any and all debts and/or obligations owing have been met. Section 2: Should the said "Washington State Youth Conservation Camps" cease to exist at any time, then this Corporation shall take legal appropriate steps to appoint another beneficiary.

Poggie's Board of Directors can be found on our website www.seattlepoggies.com

Post-it Notes

A note to those Poggies who have not yet sent in your 2008 renewal memberships. You get a three month grace period in receiving a newsletter. After that you won't receive the newsletter unless you renew. Fill out the renewal form on the web site (Members Page) or on the newsletter with your \$20 and send to John Kamikawa, Club Treasurer. Make checks payable to the Seattle Poggie Club.

John requests that you send your renewal only to him—it helps avoid errors and makes our records more accurate. Upon receiving it, he will send a receipt and membership card. If you have paid and have not received a receipt or membership card, please contact John to confirm.

Also, please send any changes to your personal information, such as your address or email address to John. He will update the database of all club members so he can generate the newsletter labels, attendance drawing listings, and membership directory information. Please make it easy for John to record your membership by submitting information directly to him:

Poggie John Kamikawa, 16618 SE 40th Place, Bellevue, WA 98008. Phone (206) 714-8961. Or email John at jkamikawa@comcast.net.

Fishing licenses expire the last day of March. Don't forget to renew and to return your catch cards by mail.

It's that time of year again to renew your membership in Boat US. Contact Jerry Bica at 206-409-9565 or obtain an application at the March general meeting.

All indications are that a Lake Washington sockeye fishery is doubtful this year. Projections for 150,000 sockeye returns this summer, are well below the 350,000 spawning goal needed before a fishery is considered.



Poggie Club of Washington, Seattle Chapter

2008 Awards and Fund Raising Banquet

Fun, Fellowship & Fine Dining

Saturday, April 26, 2008

6:00—9:30 p.m.

Ivar's Salmon House

481 NE Northlake Way Seattle, WA 98105

\$30.00 per person

No Host Bar 6pm—Dinner 7pm

(A) Filet Mignon/Prawns

(B) Alder-Grilled Salmon Trio

Complete and return to the Seattle Poggie Club at the monthly meeting or mail to:

Deadline: Received by April 19, 2008

Michele Wells
22965 NE 26th Pl.
Sammamish, WA 98074

Early Birds Earn Free Raffle Tickets!
Reservations postmarked by April 1
receive bonus tickets!

Please make check to SEATTLE POGGIE CLUB

Please reserve _____ dinners for me at \$30 each for a total of \$_____ enclosed.

Member Name _____ Phone _____

Email Address _____

Most tables seat 8, with limited seating for 10 at a table

Attendee Name	Menu Choice (A—Filet) or (B—Salmon)

I Request seating with _____

I _____ will _____ will not bring a dessert for the dessert auction.

2008 Poggie Awards Banquet

Saturday, April 26

Let's **make this banquet the most fabulous ever!**

Here is what you and your spouse can do to help:

Send in your reservation now!

Collect prizes for the Silent Auction and raffle tables! Create theme baskets (movies, chocolate, spa, etc.) for the silent auction! If you cannot create one on your own, donate items or get together with fellow Poggies and make one.

Theme baskets are huge money makers!

Collect or **donate** small items for table favors!

Bake something for the Dessert Table Silent Auction (proceeds to benefit the Youth Conservation Camp fund)

Deliver your donations to:

John Mataka—Silent Auction, Raffle Table

Michele Wells—Table Favors, Dessert Table (bring these on banquet night, but let her know what you are bringing)

John Mataka—Home: 425-742-7948 cell: 425-387-2286 or

jmataka@comcast.net

Michele Wells—425-868-1608 or peekawells@comcast.net

Receipts are available for donors—please deliver the names and addresses to

Mataka or Wells so thank you notes can be sent

Ideas for Prizes for the Poggie Awards Banquet:

Re-gift! A nice way to utilize accumulated gifts.

Ask businesses you frequent for a donation.

Make a **donation** of your own.

Bake for the dessert table.

Donate a special fishing trip or outing

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Membership!



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Mark Your Calendars

March	Weekend Mooching Charters with All Seasons, Edmonds, WA. Contact Dick Kikuchi (206) 930-3425 for details.
March 19	General Meeting: City Light Auditorium, 1300 N. 97th St. Seattle WA
April 8/16	Board Meeting/General Meeting
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.
April 26	Washington State Conservation Camp Clean Up Weekend
May 5	Drano Lake Outing with Eli Rico. See Don Silvers
May 13/21	Board Meeting/General Meeting
June 10/18	Board Meeting/General Meeting
June 13-14	Halibut Outing: Jambo's Sportfishing. See Don Silvers

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. The street address is 1300 N. 97th St., Seattle, WA. Meetings include refreshments, a raffle, Guest Speaker, and sharing stories & tips with fellow sportfishing enthusiasts. **Non-members are welcome!**

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.**