



The Fishin' Club News

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NO REGULAR MEETING IN DECEMBER CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER ON FRIDAY— DECEMBER 8th. INSTEAD!

The Fishin' Club's Christmas Potluck dinner will be held at Bayview Senior Center on **FRIDAY** December 8th. Setup will take place at 5:30 pm and you should plan to arrive at 6:00 pm for social (half) hour, followed by dinner at 6:30. Please bring enough food to feed at least 8 hungry members. Casseroles, salads and desserts will work great. The "Fishin' Club" board will provide turkey, ham & maybe crab.

Don't forget our famous year end raffle where you could be a big winner! Lets have a great potluck dinner turnout, it's a great way to start the holidays!

NOVEMBERS MEETING

The number of entries at our annual "Smoked Salmon Derby" this year was not as large as we have had in the past, with only 3 competitors. **Even so**, All the entries were delicious! **John McClure** was our computer tabulator, we need to give John a bigger challenge in 2007! Next year we may need to discuss the possibility of opening the contest to other fish species from Puget Sound. We will kick this idea around in upcoming monthly meetings.

FISHIN' CLUB BOARD MEETING

The meeting was held at the home of **DK Fowler**. **Richard Guenther** reported that financially we are in good shape. He mentioned that we have sent one University a scholarship fund check for Ben Metz of South Whidbey High School and he will be attending U of W department of Oceanography.

We are still awaiting an acceptance letter for Cory Fakkema of Oak Harbor High School, our second recipient of the Fishin' Club scholarship fund. He will be attending Northwestern College in Iowa.

Wayne Furber reported that he is improving our web page and would like fishing activities pictures via email from club.

Jennifer Kelly would like to put a group together to review the possibility of a "Fishin'Club" sponsored recipe book after the first of the year.

The club is still looking for good speakers for next years monthly 2007 guest list, and any

greatly appreciated.

Ideas are also being put in motion for an updated booth for next years South Whidbey Fair. Dennis Kelly will auction off a special framed display of fly fishing flies by **Gil Nyerges** at this years Christmas Dinner, so be sure to bring some extra bucks to the Christmas dinner.

We are looking for someone who's knowledgeable on squid fishing/jigging, anybody know of anyone who "Squids" in our area and might be willing to tell us about it at a meeting?

2007 DUES ARE DUE

Dues are the same bargain price they were last year, \$25.00. Remember, if you joined at the last County Fair or have already paid them, you will not receive a notice. On the other hand, if you get a notice with this newsletter, your dues are due. We ask that you get them paid ASAP. Thanks.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

We are asking for your help to end the year with another successful food drive. Please share your good fortune with needy families on South Whidbey. At the club's **CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY on Friday December 8th** we will be collecting food & money. Please bring your contributions to the dinner, along with your pot luck item for the evening.

If donating food items please bring non-perishables only and if donating money please make a check out to **The Fishin' Club** or mail a check to:

The Fishin' Club
 PO BOX 1294
 Freeland, WA 98249

Kindly give all donations to either **Scott** or **Mac**.

The following are suggestions for items needed to make food last as long as possible for each family (about two weeks for eight families.)

Breakfast: Oatmeal, dry cereals, jiffy mix (lg. box), pancake syrup.
Lunch: (Small/family size) canned soups, baked beans, chili, stews, tuna, spaghetti sauce and noodles.

canned sweet potato, corn, green beans, cranberry sauce, evaporated milk, pumpkin pie filling, two packs pie crusts, rice, stuffing mix.
Baking/cooking supplies: Flour, sugar, salt/pepper, Crisco shortening, powdered sugar, marshmallows.

Other items: Napkins, toilet paper, bags of hard Christmas candy.

We would appreciate receiving all donations by December 15 so that needed items can be purchased, divided for each family and delivered during the week of December 18.

You may call **Scott** at **321-4018** or **Mac** at **678-6898** if there are any questions.

Thank you so much for your generosity and sharing your good fortune.

CLUB ELECTIONS

2007 Elections will be held in conjunction with our January meeting. If you're interested in being an officer or a board member, contact any of the current officers or board members.

POWER SQUADRON BOATING SAFETY COURSE

The upcoming course will consist of two 8 hour (0800 - 1700) periods conducted at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeland. The first period, Saturday, 06 Jan 07, will be devoted to Boat Smart. The second period will consist of reviewing the homework questions, taking the exam, and grading it, exam critique, graduation, lunch, 2 hours of Chart Smart and 2 hours of GPS familiarization. GPS training will include a walking course in the church parking lot. When students find their car, they can go home!

Coffee, tea and cocoa will be available all day, sweet rolls in the morning, and cookies in the afternoon.

There is a lot more information you need to know about this course, but space limits how much I can cover here in the newsletter.

For full information, what it costs, what you need, and how to

MEETINGS: First Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Bayview Senior Services Center across from Casey's grocery on Hwy 525 between Freeland and Clinton.