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The Fishin' Club News

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NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will feature a multi-part program orientated primarily towards the upcoming Banks Lake outing, but also full of good information about bass, walleye, perch, and trout fishing, not only at the lake, but in general as well. We will be speaking on all four types of fishing with enough information to give you a good chance of having some successful fishing when you are there.

The Prez will discuss the finer points of walleye fishing, including trolling and jigging. He will suggest some of the places to fish for walleye in Banks Lake and touch on trout fishing there as well.

Paul Busch will fill us in on bass fishing in Banks Lake. He will primarily discuss using plastic lures such as leeches, lizards, worms and other patterns. We will have setups on hand so you can see how to hook them up for best results.

In addition, we'll have fishing reports, club news and our world famous raffle of fishing and outdoor stuff! You won't want to miss it!!

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Lloyd Carter, a Whidbey Island native, lifelong fisherman and story teller spoke about proper outfitting for fishing for Halibut (heavy) and Sole (light) rods, lines, bait and lures he has successfully used, down through years of fishing.

The reel that he uses for Halibut is a small hand winch with an elongated crank handle. To assist with "horsing" in the heavy catch, he modified his seriously heavy pole with a barn door handle fixed 90 degrees to the pole's axis.

The line he recommends using for local Halibut fishing is 65 pound test braided line with at least one pound lead ball to keep bait and/or lure very near the bottom. He recommends using a steel leader.

Lloyd called out several locations the he has success-

fully fished for Halibut and Sole. Both fish types usually are found together with Halibut in 90 feet deep water and Sole more shallow. Halibut feed on Sole.

His photographs and stories were enjoyable and informative. Here's hoping he will keep us informed of his future fishing exploits and successes.

FISHIN' CLUB BOARD MEETING

The meeting was held at the home of Wayne Furber. It was reported that progress is being made on our Fishin' Club cook book. We still need a hundred or so recipes to complete the book. It is hoped we can have it printed in time for the fair. We decided we could offer the cook book at a reduced price, at the fair, as an incentive to join the club.

Richard reported that the post office wants two pieces of picture ID from Mike and Richard if we want to continue using our Freeland post office box. Someone suggested the post office look for Mike's picture on their wall, but the idea was turned down.

A scholarship committee has been formed consisting of DK Fowler, Mac Shearer and Wayne and Linda Furber.

Mac presented plans for our fair booth this year and we all agreed they look good. We want to get volunteers this year, early enough for all of us to get some training, to take full advantage of the fair booth.

We were reminded that club members going to Banks Lake must make their own reservations with the campsite or motel. John has reserved a block of campsites but everybody must make their own confirmation. This is important!!

CURTIS MARTIN

It is with deep regret that we learned of the passing of Fishin' Club member, Curtis Martin. Our condolences go out to his wife, Beverly, who has attended meetings with Curtis these past years.

SHRIMP BOATS ARE A-COMIN'!

Shrimp season is almost here. Marine areas 8, 9 and 10, for all species, will open on May 5 and will close when quota is attained or on May 31 whichever comes first. Open from 7 am to 3 pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays only. There is a daily limit of 80 shrimp. Shrimp heads may be removed while in the field, prior to coming ashore.

June 1 to October 15. Marine areas 8, 9 and 11 are open daily for coonstripe and pink. All spot shrimp caught must be returned to the water immediately.

Each harvester must have a separate container for their catch, either in their possession or identified with their name. Maximum of two shrimp pots per person, and no more than four shrimp pots per boat.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Halibut Steaks
 with Creamy Topping
 4 halibut steaks, 3/4 inch thick
 3/4 cup sour cream
 1/4 cup dry bread crumbs
 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
 1 1/2 tablespoons chopped chives
 1/3 cup grated parmesan cheese
 1 teaspoon paprika

Place halibut steaks in a shallow, closefitting, buttered baking dish.

Sprinkle lightly with salt and pepper.

In a bowl, mix together sour cream, bread crumbs, garlic salt and chives. Spread mixture over fish; sprinkle parmesan all over along with paprika.

Bake uncovered at 400 degrees for 20 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork.

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.