



[www.myfishinclub.com](http://www.myfishinclub.com)

# The Fishin' Club News

P.O. Box 1292, Freeland, WA. 98249

**President:** Mike Gallion 321-6258 **VP:** John McClure 678-1262 **Secy:** Don Steadman 321-0514 **Treas:** Richard Guenther 321-5140  
**Directors:** Mac Shearer 678-6898, Jake Jacobsen 331-1365, Scott Waltenbaugh 321-4018, David Johnsen 321-0514,  
 D.K. Fowler 222 3423, Jennifer Kelly 321-6258, Dennis Kelly 321-4377  
 Tony & Susie Alcarez 678-6740, Wayne Furber 321-2499

## NEXT MEETING FISHIN' CLUB ROUNDTABLE

At the February 7 meeting, Wayne Furber will kick off things with a laptop presentation on our club's website [www.yourfishinclub.com](http://www.yourfishinclub.com) Following this, the board of directors invite everyone to take the opportunity to a "say it like it is" roundtable discussion of club activities, ie: trips, planning, speakers, likes and dislikes.

We are looking forward to your input and ideas to make our club even more enjoyable. Bring your ideas for new short trips to interesting locations such as fishing spots, picnic trips, maritime and wildlife areas, tours of fish hatcheries and mussel farms, boat locks, boat tours and marine educational trips.

All ideas and suggestions are welcome, so please come prepared to discuss them with your fellow members.

## LAST MEETING

Tony Spagnolini (Gunny), a retired San Diego Charter boat skipper for many years and a local sports fisherman, gave a humorous talk on the do's and don'ts of Charter boat fishing. He said the major rule is— don't let anyone tie your hook or line for you! You will lose your fish.

Tony has done three or four trips a year, fishing north Vancouver Island, and has settled on the Canadian Princess Resort as the best value for your money.

There will be brochures available, at our next meeting, for those that would be interested in a reasonably priced trip, which includes airfare, lodging, charter boat and gear. Please give feedback on this to any one of the club directors.

Perhaps a Fishin' Club group could be organized for a trip there.

## BOARD MEETING

The meeting was held at the home of Richard

business was to come up with a better plan to get the scholarship money to the winners. We will write an exact procedure for the winners and schools to follow.

Some members wanted to award the scholarships only once to an individual winner while some thought that if a winner was qualified, they could apply every year.

One main concern we have is contacting potential speakers several months in advance to minimize some of the last minute panic we endure most months. We came up with a program to establish a committee to contact future speakers. Scott Waltenbaugh will head the committee.

We have 125 cook books to sell, but they have all been paid for so every sale is a profit. We again agreed Jennifer and her crew did an outstanding job putting the program together.

Don Steadman reported that he and Bob Kohlwes hooked a seal that was stealing their salmon. Guess who won!

## FISH TALES

Does anyone have a favorite story to tell? Here is a golden opportunity to reveal your talent for writing about our favorite subject, fishing and related stuff.

We are inviting our members to submit tales-tall or true-to be published in the Fishin' Club newsletter.

Send your tales to DK Fowler, your news editor, at: [drkfowler@whidbey.com](mailto:drkfowler@whidbey.com).

We request that your tales be limited to under 500 word classics. Disclaimers will be provided for blatant items.

## SELECTIVE FISHING

April is an important month for Northwest salmon anglers. It is a month when the 2007-08 (May 1 through April 30, 2008) salmon seasons are set for the next 12 months. Those seasons apply to all of the ocean and inland marine waters, along with important Fall River fisheries.

The announcement will come on Friday, April 6th, from the SeaTac Marriott, this year's site for the final negotiations between the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, northwest treaty tribes, commercial and recreational fishing leaders. To call this process frustrating is a gross understatement.

From salmon conservation to "give me more fishing time," it's hard to find smiles on negotiators faces as the weeklong process concludes for another year.

One of the bright lights for this upcoming season will be the expansion of selective fishing. Selective fishing is a fish management buzz word for targeting adipose fin-clipped hatchery Chinook salmon which also requires the careful release of Chinook salmon bearing the natural adipose fin, a fatty fin located on the back of a salmon between the dorsal fin and the tail. These small adipose fins serve no known biological purpose. However, when removed at a salmon hatchery facility early in a salmon's life cycle, they are a clear indicator to sport and commercial fishermen that, indeed, the fish is the result of hatchery production.

The absent fin can also provide important wild fish spawning information on river gravel beds to biologists who monitor the straying of hatchery salmon, attempting to spawn with naturally produced fish.

Scientists shudder at the thought of a hatchery salmon attempting to spawn with a naturally produced salmon, fearing pollution of the wild salmon's genetics and that the progeny may qualify for a Poltergeist movie.

Excerpts from article written By: Tony Floor (Salmon U)

**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.