



# WRRRA Fall 2021 Newsletter

## White River Recreation Association

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### Fall Dinner Cancelled; Business Meeting and Elections to be via Zoom, on a new Date

Members, the current health and safety guidelines will **not allow us to safely and effectively hold our annual Fall Dinner and Meeting as planned**, on October 23. There are many restrictions on group gatherings, particularly in indoor spaces, that would impact the success of this event.

Therefore, your WRRRA board has made the decision to cancel the Fall Dinner event for this year.

While the Spring Dinner and Summer Picnic events are largely social, the Fall Dinner is when our annual Business Meeting and Elections take place.

Therefore, while the dinner is cancelled, we will be proceeding with the business updates and elections, on a new date, Thursday, October 21.

We will hold these important sessions via Zoom videoconference rather than in person.

Please join us, to hear important business updates, and to vote on your new board. We need good participation, from all tracts, in order to make the election results official (state guidelines require at least 10% of members vote).

Hopefully, after a year and a half of the pandemic, you are all familiar with how Zoom videocalls work. You only need to click on the link or enter the information into Zoom on your internet browser, at 7pm on Oct. 21.

The meeting will include updates from various board members or committee leaders, as appropriate, and then Rena Irwin will run the online elections.

If anyone would like to participate in the meeting, but is not familiar with the technology, please contact any board member, to get comfortable with the technology prior to the meeting.

We hope you will join us.



Updates and news items also posted to Facebook Group: White River Recreation Association

#### Zoom VC Instructions and Meeting Information:

Use a PC or tablet, not your cell phone. If you do not have access to a computer, you can call-in using the Dial-in number, 1-253-215-8782.

Enter [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) into internet browser.

If you have not used Zoom before, you will need to download the app.

Click "Open Link". Enter the Videoconference code and Password, if requested.

Move your mouse and cursor around the window on your screen, to find the Microphone and Video icons.

To turn them on or off, click on the icon.

#### Zoom Videoconference Fall Business Meeting and Elections:

Thursday, October 21, 7:00pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83366330432?pwd=Y3J1NUcyQnlDc2gxNE9CaTAvcE40Zz09>

Meeting ID (Videoconference code): 833 6633 0432

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~Kevin Orth, President

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## President's Message

I hope everyone was able to get up into the mountains and enjoy your cabin and some of the recreation options this summer. I was very excited that the Corral Pass Road finally reopened, and was very interested in



the changes that were made. The road itself was as bumpy and rough as ever, maybe even more than it used to be. It was so interesting to see the fire impacts along the road on the drive up, and then pockets where the fire didn't impact the trees at all. At the top, the campground is gone, and there are day use only picnic spots and a large fence line to keep vehicles from driving into the fire impacted areas. The hike out to Noble Knob was similar, lots of impacted trees, and then pockets where the fire missed. The wildflowers were amazing; after fires, they tend to flourish.

I was also so happy that we were finally able to get together in person for a social event, our annual Summer Picnic, Cabin Tour, and Highway cleanup events! They were all huge successes and very well attended. It was so great to get together and see everyone in person again. Thank you to all that attended and helped make the events a success! Please see the articles and pictures in this newsletter for additional details.

I think we were somewhat fortunate that the timing of the Summer Picnic was at a low point for Covid concerns. While we had hoped that Covid would be a passing issue as the year moved along, unfortunately, the opposite appears to be the case. With increasing infection rates and concerns around group gatherings, masking mandates, and reluctance to gather in groups in indoor settings, we have unfortunately decided not to hold our Fall Dinner and Elections in person this year.

As was the case last year, we will shift this meeting to an online format. While we all really

miss seeing each other in person, I want to encourage you all to participate in our virtual meeting, so you can get updates from the board, and can vote! This will help us all continue to feel a little bit more connected. Hopefully people are comfortable with online/virtual meetings at this point, and we will get strong participation.

Please review the information contained in the meeting announcement in this newsletter, and look for additional updates via email. We really hope that many of you will join us on Thursday, October 21! Please reach out to me or any board member with questions or concerns about the meeting.

Lastly, I want to thank the various individuals who have agreed to run for the open board positions, which we will vote in to office at the Fall Meeting. This organization can only be successful if we continue to get volunteers to help get our important work done. I would like to ask the rest of you to please consider volunteering to help support the WRRRA organization, by running for a board position in the future. And if you aren't sure if you want to join the board just yet, you can always volunteer to help with committees or projects for WRRRA. Please consider helping us!

Thank you, and I hope to see you at our upcoming virtual business meeting and election.

Please drop me a note if you have any questions, concerns, or input, at [president@wrra.net](mailto:president@wrra.net).


As always, I hope to see you up at the cabins or in the mountains soon!

~ Kevin Orth

## 2021-2023 Directory

There is an alphabetizing error in the 21/23 directory; pages 22/23 and 24/25 were accidentally switched. In the alphabetical listing, last names starting with letters Ro-Va are placed before last names starting Mo-Ro. Many options were considered to correct the error, but the associated costs seemed prohibitive. Especially since we know the WRRRA members to be a kind, gracious group. So, alternatively, please make note of the page switch. I am very sorry for the error.

~Chris Masterson, Secretary



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## WRRRA Fall Board Elections

On October 21st, 2021, the elections for certain board positions with expiring terms will be held at our Fall Business Meeting. The positions that are up for election this year, include Secretary, Treasurer, Silver Springs Representative, Dalles Representative, Goat Creek Representative and Silver Creek Representative. The Nomination committee has presented a slate of candidates for these positions.

Below you will find a picture and an outline of their background for each candidate. If you are interested in running for any of the open positions, please contact me at [renairwin1@comcast.net](mailto:renairwin1@comcast.net). All members will vote for the Secretary and Treasurer positions and members of individual tracts will vote for representatives for their tracts. You will receive more specific voting instructions at our Fall Business meeting.

Thanks to cabin neighbors, Kevin Bannon, Martin Rand, Jennae and Patrick Brannon for your contributions to our association. Each brought special talents and gifts to their positions.

~Rena Irwin, Chair Nominations Committee

### Incumbent Secretary, Chris Masterson

My husband, Bill and I are blessed to be the permittees of Deep Creek 17. This was the cabin of our beloved cousin, Ken Leader, who we lost in late 2018. The cabin, originally purchased by Elmer and Evelyn (Rosaaen) Leader in 1926 has been in our family ever since. We have many



happy memories of time spent there with family and friends. In the last 95 years, 5 generations have enjoyed the cabin.

Before retiring, I was a University Administrator; the position I held most pertinent to my role with WRRRA was University Registrar.

I have been honored to be the WRRRA Secretary for the last two years. Now that I'm getting my "sea legs", I feel more confident to continue in this role. In the short time we've been members of WRRRA (since 2017), we've come to appreciate the importance of the organization and treasure the friendships made. It is my pleasure to do what I can to support and grow WRRRA, so I'm throwing my hat in the ring to serve as Secretary for another two years.

### Treasurer, Eric Carlsen

Hi, this is Eric & it would be a privilege to serve as the next WRRRA Treasurer. I have enjoyed serving as one of your Finance Committee members for the last 5 years. I have, from 2005 to 2021, served as the Olympia Ski Club treasurer and stepped down from that role in July. Before that, I was West End Youth League treasurer for 10 years. I have grown up at the Cliffhouse (Deep Creek #7) which my dad purchased in 1946. At that time, it was a one room cabin. Our running water consisted of walking fast to deep creek to bring back 2 buckets of water. With my family growing to 3 kids, my dad enclosed the existing porch (new kitchen) to make the cabin a two room structure. We first got water to our outside door in 2014 and finally inside in 2020 with a 6'x8' addition to make a bathroom. My wife (Brenda) & I have raised three kids with a lot of time being spent there; they first learned to ski at Crystal. My first 23 years were in West Seattle, after graduating from University of Washington, I moved to Forks and worked for the Dept. Of Natural Resources as a Forest/Logging Engineer. Got married, had 3 kids & retired from there and moved to Port Angeles in 2012 where Brenda & I now

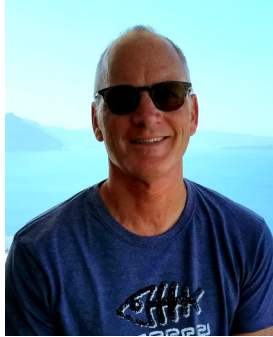




live. If elected, I look forward to serving all the WRRRA members in years to come. Thank you for your consideration & support.

### Goat Creek Rep, David Dittmar

My family has been enjoying cabin life at Goat Creek 32 for 60 years. Throughout my life I've cherished coming to the cabin -- a place that brings me happiness and peace. My parents (Stan and Ann Dittmar) were on the Crystal Mountain ski patrol in the 1960s. Skiing at Crystal was a regular family activity. We spent much of the winter weekends at the cabin.



I have served on several volunteer boards. Bethany Christian Services (an adoption agency) and Fairwood Golf and Country Club (as president and multiple board terms). I look forward to the opportunity to serve on the board of the WRRRA.

I'm a graduate of Washington State University. My working career included leading organizations at KIRO TV, Boeing, Washington Mutual and UW Medicine. I retired from UW Medicine in 2018.

My wife Jane and I enjoy golf, travelling, time at the cabin and spending time with our two children and three grandchildren.

Jane and I live in the Fairwood area of Renton.

### Incumbent Dalles Reps, David & Molly Ebel

David Ebel has been the Dalles tract rep since 2017 and Molly joined him as joint rep in 2019. For the next term, if elected, Molly and David would like to continue to jointly handle the Dalles rep responsibilities.



David and Molly, along with their four daughters Scarlett (14) Evelyn (13) Margot (13) and Greta (13), are active members of the WRRRA communi-



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ty. Their favorite place to spend time together is at their family cabin in the Dalles, Lot #31. David's parents bought the cabin in 1976 when David was 5 years old. The family story is that David, in kindergarten at the time, was so taken with the cabin that he charmed the sellers into selling it to the Ebels instead of the other interested buyers. Forty-five years later and he loves that Dalles cabin more and more – and so does his family. It is the centerpiece of the Ebel family history. David and Molly are up every weekend in the winter with the kids, who participate in the CMAC program, and enjoy getting up in the spring and summer whenever possible. All are active members of the WRRRA. They consider the memories created at the cabin, and the strong community of cabin neighbors, as particularly special to them.

### Silver Creek Rep, Dennette Wood

Upon moving here in the early 90's and immediately landing a job at Crystal Mt. (I picked up a hitchhiker and had a job by the time we reached A lot) I have admired the cabin area. While I may not have a long family history here, working and skiing at Crystal Mt, hiking in Mt Rainier NP and spending time in the cabin areas, I have grown to admire the culture and ambiance of the cabins and the surrounding areas.



In 2013 I had the good fortune to purchase my own cabin at SC24. This has served to deepen my

appreciation for the area and make many new cabin friends. With all the changes and growth in the area I have a deep desire to preserve and protect what we all hold so dear here.

I currently live in Enumclaw with my partner Steve. Many of you may know us as the summer picnic games coordinators. While not at the cabin or playing games, I am the principal doctor at two veterinary hospitals in the area and have served on numerous medical boards both locally and at the national level. This is relevant to the WRRRA as it makes me aware of the need for good leadership to solve problems, advance ideas, produce results and create good change.

My goals of serving on the board are to enable the WRRRA to continue to preserve and protect this area for all generations to come and to be a voice for us all at not only the local level but at the national level too.

Thank you for considering me as your Silver Creek representative.

### Incumbent Silver Springs Rep, Ken Ring

I grew up in the Chicagoland area and first learned to ski in the 1970's when the Army transferred me here from assignment in Korea to serve at that time Fort Lewis now Joint Base Lewis McChord. I learned to ski at Snoqualmie Pass and soon graduated to Crystal Mountain. Mine and our family's love of skiing prompted us to try and find a cabin close to Crystal Mountain.


A real estate advertisement featuring a black and white photo of a woman (Diane Gebenini) on the left and a scenic view of a snow-capped mountain (Crystal Mountain) on the right. Below the photos is contact information for Diane Gebenini and John L. Scott.

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My wife and I purchased our SS Cabin # 156 in 1999 and like most new cabin owners spent a lot of time remodeling and fixing it up to make it "our" cabin. We use the cabin quite a bit both in summer and winter and even though our kids are now grown they also along with their kids use the cabin much in the winter as they are also avid skiers.

I became a WRRRA member in 1999 and have participated in many of the events such as the summer picnics, fall and spring dinner meetings and road cleanups. It has been a great way to meet other cabin owners and to learn about and help with some of the issues that confront many of us owners.

I have been in the position of #2 Silver Springs rep for the last two years and would like to serve another term on the board to continue to help serve our community and to promote the interests of our members. I thank you for your confidence in me and would appreciate the opportunity to serve for another term.

## Membership Report

As your WRRRA Vice President, my primary responsibility is membership in our association. I'm pleased to report that I have had the opportunity to welcome 22 new members representing 13 cabins and one ski club. The strength of our association is dependent on your membership and this is a heads up that we are approaching the time when memberships will need to be renewed.

We will be continuing the same process as last year. On or around the first of the year you will be receiving an email reminding you of membership renewals. Payments may be made after January 1st. There will be a renewal link provided, however you still have the opportunity to send a check to the newly elected WRRRA Treasurer, Eric Carlsen. When you renew, we encourage you to also join National Forest Homeowners (NFH), our representative and collective voice in Washington, D.C. National Forest Homeowners is a strong advocate for us and a tremendous resource regarding

shared issues and challenges that cabin owners face.

Thank you for your continued support!

~Fred Orton, VP Membership

## Wildfire Season Recap

As you are all surely aware, it seems that there are more and more wildfires every year that threaten cabins across the country.

This summer was certainly another bad one. At this writing, about 200 cabins were lost to wildfire around the country, and many forests were closed to recreation too. There have been known losses of Forest Service cabins in California, and Arizona. Others may come to light later this year. And all National Forests in California have been closed most of this summer. Even Minnesota was impacted by wildfires!

Locally, we had a few fires on DNR lands around the Bonney Lake and Buckley areas. Our Forest was closed to outdoor fires and gasoline engine use for most of the summer. And the Schneider Springs fire impacted the Bumping Lake area, just over the pass from our cabins. That fire, which started in early August from lightning, remains burning at this writing and is only 20% contained, and has impacted over 100,000 acres of land, resulting in evacuations of cabins in the Bumping Lake and surrounding areas down nearly to Highway 12. Luckily, it appears that no structures were lost to the Schneider Springs fire. However, large areas of the Forest have remained closed since the fire started, and recreation has been significantly impacted.

As the summer winds down, the burn bans are lifted, and the rainy season returns to the Pacific Northwest, we need to remember to do everything we can to prepare for the possibility of wildfire in our area again next year. We will send out reminders and updates next spring to help.

~Kevin Orth, President

## Snow Plow 2021-2022

We will be sticking with the same plan as last year (and many years before) with regard to

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plowing. I will be your primary contact and the same crews, as in years past, will be doing the work. We are still looking for a new crew to plow Deep Creek; if anybody has any ideas, please email me directly at [Snowplow410@live.com](mailto:Snowplow410@live.com). To be clear, we have a crew for Deep Creek but are looking for a new one.

We encourage everybody to look at their driveway for low hanging branches, remember the plow sits higher than most cars. If your driveway needs trimming but you do not have the means to get it done, please let me know.

Last year we had a pretty good snow year down at the cabins, meaning we do not have a lot left in the plowing coffers. The snow came in fits and starts with a sizable chunk around Thanksgiving and then nothing for a while. We are expecting another La Nina year this winter which typically means a lot of snow for us. We usually plan to have our equipment delivered on or about the first of December, like normal. This year we need to collect \$225 from all cabin owners, this will include the cost of plowing all roads and driveways. When you receive the invoice it will be for the \$225 for plowing plus the \$75 for road maintenance (for a total invoiced amount of \$300). We bill them together to make it easier on the membership to only have to pay one invoice. In addition to our email requests for payment we will still send paper invoices, but only after we receive the first round of checks. (We save some in postage this way.) When you receive the email titled "Snowplow 2021-2022 Invoice" this year, that is your clue to pay, and you can pay direct from

this email. This year we are researching a more convenient way to pay electronically as well, but that is still in the works.

~Perry Turner, Snow Plow Coordinator

## Financial Report

Thanks to your support WRRRA is doing well this year. There's more to say on the personal side.

Thanks to all who helped me by using the new system of online reservations and pre-event payment during our successful picnic and cabin tour.

Event staff really appreciated preregistration. It made making planning and setup easier. I expect reservations will be the model for the future.

My arm started bothering me in mid-May. By June both shoulders were stiff and sore. That's arthritis for you. I thought I did a pretty good job taking care of myself during these lockdowns... alas no.

The usual picnic work was out of the question. I'm glad you cheerfully adjusted and used the online registration I put together. Thank you.

A month later, I'm much stronger and much less sore. Hallelujah!

Around September 6 many of you received the "can I ask you a favor..." scam email using a fake sending address and using your email addresses harvested from my Comcast account.

I'm so sorry for the disruption that caused you. The fake address has been reported. Just remember, an email asking you for a favor is a fake. Disregard. Thanks, and apologies again.

**Please note emails from WRRRA's transaction services providers Intuit Payments and Square Payments were not affected. Those continue to be safe to use.**

Last but not least you'll soon be placed in the capable hands of Eric Carlsen, as the new treasurer. Listen to him. Continue to insist good services provided cheaply – no frills and no waste -- and WRRRA will prosper.

~Kevin Bannon, Treasurer

## Mt Rainier Elk Study

**In May -- the Department of Wildlife Released its first Mt. Rainier Elk Study in 19 Years. Here are some of the Highlights of this Major Feature of Our Forest Community:**

- Elk population continues to recover from the low populations of the 1990's
- Established a consistent population of just under 5,000 animals.
- Recognizing the Muckleshoot Tribe for the huge amount of data collected and population research. The methods developed more accurately count the population of elk and offer some interesting findings about the animals.
- The elk found around our cabins are very eclectic in their movements. Some move little year-round or might move down to Greenwater in the winter and up to the crest or slopes of Rainier in the summer. Others can range as far away as the slopes just east of Yakima; moving to find nutrition during the winter.
- The largest cause of elk mortality is cougar predation. Another significant cause is vehicle collisions. Fewer elk die from poaching or legal hunting deaths.
- Interesting finding: Disease and malnutrition are not significant causes of death.
- The recent fires should provide long term benefits for the elk population. Some timber harvesting opening up more habitat is desirable too. Another enhancement goal is to reduce vehicle collisions.

•Regardless, be careful when driving. Watch your speed and look to the sides of the highway as well as ahead and behind!

~Kevin Bannon, Treasurer

## Heaven's NO! It Happened Again!

On August 3 lightning ignited a small fire on a ridge south of Bumping River. The Forest Service decided to implement the "Let Burn" policy



applicable to naturally caused fires in remote wilderness areas.

In mid-August the Schneider Springs Fire expanded exponentially. Flames were in sight of the small private community of Goose Prairie and the Forest Service recreational residences along Bumping River Road. Firefighters managed to keep the road open.

Evacuations were ordered and more crews mobilized for active firefighting and structure protection. At this time the fire was about 15,000 acres in size.

Two weeks later the fire is now almost 100,000 acres in size. Private homes and cabins all along SR 410 east of Chinook Pass have been threatened at one time or another. Homes and cabins along SR 12, too. Forest Service closures and county evacuations have chased their owners out.

4 years ago, we at White River shared the terror when the Norse Peak Fire started the same way as a small lightning in the wilderness that then came roaring to threaten our cabins, our beloved ski area as well as those east of Chinook Pass.

Fire is a natural part of the environment sculpting the forest from the beginning of time until the end of the universe. In the west those events have always been massive in their scope. This is not a new phenomenon. Walk around our forest and you'll find scars on trees from fires years ago.

It is also an inescapable fact that humans belong in the forest too and need to be safe from fire.

For years the Forest Service accomplished this by putting out fires when they were still tiny in size. That didn't work so well anymore and the let burn policy was tried and now that is not working either.

It's time to develop a new plan to manage wildfires. Watching homes burn is not a good plan.

~Kevin Bannon, Treasurer

## NFH Conference Update

The NFH National Conference that was planned for October 15 and 16 of this year at Lake Tahoe, has been canceled due to the impact of wildfires and closures in the area, plus the impact of Covid on the general population and concerns about holding a large in-person event.

Instead, the conference will move to an online format, like was done last year. This should allow increased participation, as travel to an in-person conference is no longer necessary. The sessions are also a bit more spread out over multiple days. The online conference will be October 21-23.

As always, we strongly urge WRRRA members to "attend" and participate in this important conference, where issues relevant to cabin owners will be discussed with others from around the country.

The theme of the online conference, coming out of wildfires, is Restoration and Rebuilding.

Kick-off with cabin tract leaders is on Thursday morning. The annual business meeting, with news and updates, will take place on Friday, along with sessions on Cabin Permits, and Cabin Restoration Projects. Saturday will feature a Recovering From Fire session, as well as the popular Ask the Experts panel, with Forest Service and NFH leaders supporting the Q&A about the program.

Registration is now open. Please go to the NFH website, [www.nationalforesthomeowners.org](http://www.nationalforesthomeowners.org), to register and for additional information.

~Kevin Orth, President

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## WRRRA History Task Force: A Look Back

*The WRRRA History Task Force is producing a series of newsletter articles to honor the past and inform our future.*

### Deep Creek in the 1940s and 1950s

This is based on an article published in **Arches**, Vol 37, No 2, in the Winter of 2010 for the alumni of the College of Puget Sound (CPS). It is in the WRRRA Archives Collection because it is about our collective cabin history.

Immediately after the 2nd World War many war veteran students sought outdoor sports, including skiing. The CPS men's ski team wanted to be able to overnight near the slopes at Cayuse Pass instead of repeated day trips from and back to Tacoma.

They were helped to find what they wanted with the help of a father of one of the student skiers who was a Weyerhaeuser employee, and by Nevvan McCullough, the White River District Forest Ranger. Instead of a sole cabin they found a 13-acre place with 2 lodges and 7 cabins up for sale, because the lease from the US Forest Service was expiring. The CPS people expanded their idea of a

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place for the ski team, to a place for all CPS student skiers. In June 1948 the Associated Students of the College of Puget Sound acquired the property and named it the Deep Creek Lodge.

Student volunteers spent the next year making it suit their needs by, for example, installing bunk beds to sleep 8 to 10 people per cabin. All manner of student campus rules extended to Deep Creek Lodge and the college provided transportation. The college offered ski lessons and led the Northwest in popularizing skiing here. The CPS students played a central role installing the Cayuse Pass rope tow. They also built a septic and water system and set up a caretaker's home for Steve Stevenson (a survivor of the Bataan Death March) and his wife, Jerry, both of whom served as chaperones for the mixed male and female student skiers.

With the graduation of the veteran classes and the challenge of student volunteers maintaining the Lodge and cabins, and dwindling student interest, the improvements were sold in 1957 for the same amount ASCPS paid in 1948. In 1962 Crystal Mountain Resort opened. By then the Lodge was called Alta Silva to later be renamed Alta Crystal Resort.

~Diane DeWitt

## WRRRA 2021 Calendar\*

### Fall Board Meeting

Oct 18, Online Zoom

### Fall Meeting & Elections

Oct 21, Online Zoom

### NFH Annual Meeting

Oct 21-23, Virtual

### 2022 Planning Meeting

November TBD, Seattle Area

\* All event dates, locations, and activities are subject to change, due to State Health and Safety Guidance.

## The Picnic—a Huge Success!

WRRRA members were clearly excited to reconnect with one another as a huge crowd (approximately 110) turned out for our summer picnic. Before getting the parking shuttle rolling, Fred Orton paused for a photo at check-in. To the right, he joined Pat Sanderson, Nancy King and Ken Ring.

Our fabulous chefs cooked tirelessly without complaint. In the photo to the right, kudos go to Richard Geren, Tim Curran, Tom Wood and Tom Strom.

Thanks go to our other volunteers: Bill Vlases (Picnic Organizer), Ken Ring (Check in table, and Cabin tour coordinator), The Ebels, Steve Queen, Dennette Wood, John Mower, Rena Irwin, The Currans, the Stroms, the Mastersons, Kevin Orth, Fred Orton, Pat Sanderson, Nancy King and all the others who pitched in to make our picnic a huge success!

No picnic is complete without desserts, and they were there in abundance. Folks saved room for the award winning pies, and the judges somehow found room to taste each of the 8 submissions. Rena Irwin, coordinated the pie contest, and judges were Diane DeWitt, David Glaab, and Jack Walker. Prize winners were: Cindy Orton Crowley (Grand Prize), Jill Ashman ("Other" pie category), Fred Orton (Berry Pie), the Ebel Daughters (Honorable Mention).



Many thanks to Chief Paul Sowers, of the Greenwater Fire Department. As in previous years, they brought out a fire engine, and folks could try their hand at operating a fire hose. Their hoses pack quite a wallop!

The games (coordinated by Steve Queen and Dennette Wood), were a big hit. Games included a water relay, sack races, heads or tails race, kids and tract tug-o-wars, and the egg toss with a new record setting winning egg toss at 43' 9"!







Above, the kids playing heads or tails. Below, the potato sack race.



The kids tug of war, above. Below, Deep Creek is victorious (barely) in the tract tug-o-war. The coveted silver bowl trophy is theirs, for a year.



A day of fantastic food and fun had a perfect ending with the annual cabin tour. Coordinated by Ken Ring, our cabin hosts were Forest & Holly Bennett (SS-162), Chantrelle Nielsen & Dean Disharoon (SS-132), Bob & Margi Albrecht (SS-150), and Steve & Kit Ryan (SC-23)! A huge thank you to Ken and all our hosts!

~Chris Masterson, Secretary

## Summer Road Cleanup



Left to right: Kevin Orth, Lori Neth, Chuck Gillett, Linda Piper, Mike Vogel

On Sunday of the weekend after the Cabin Picnic and Tour events, WRRRA performed our three times annual cleanup of Highway 410 through our cabin tracts, picking up trash and helping to keep the byway scenic.

Participants working the main stretch from the Mt Rainier Viewpoint up to Camp Sheppard included Mike Vogel, Linda Piper, Lori Neth, Chuck Gillett, Greg Jacobsen, and Kevin Orth.

Also, not pictured, the Ryan crew from SC-23 cleaned up the Kemp Cabin Memorial section of the highway. Participants included Steve and Kit Ryan, Anne Kemp, and Peggy Flom, Ed Butcher, and Donna from Florida!

After the work was completed, a small luncheon was held at the Orth Cabin, SC-26.

Thank you to all who helped and gave of their valuable time and effort for this important stewardship activity!

~Kevin Orth, President

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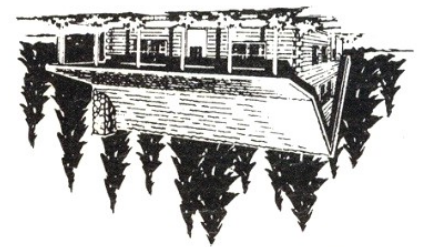
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