



# THE WHALE'S TALE



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## **San Juanderer North Whidbey Outing**

About 28 members attended the August meeting, which was chaired by our own President Erik Ward, who just returned from the Grand National Rally. However, we had over 34 people join us for the Happy Hour! Later we built a campfire at which S'mores were the highlight. For those of you who do not know what S'mores are, they are marshmallows cooked on a stick over the fire and then sandwiched between graham crackers and a generous piece of chocolate. Our co-host, Jim Schols was crowned the "King of the S'mores" because he had the touch of cooking the marshmallow just right. Lauren, Fred and Margot's granddaughter was a close second and definitely the messiest eater.



*The S'mores campfire included Shirley Stapleton, Lauren Majewski, Dan Stapleton, Fred Majewski, Margot Majewski, Joyce Paulson and Dick Paulson*

On Friday, most of the group had partaken in the Anacortes Arts and Craft Festival that takes place in Anacortes on the main street of town. They had booth after booth of quality paintings, photographs, pottery, jewelry, hats, woodcarvings, knit clothing and much more. They also had a band of dancers from Romania that was quite entertaining. Of course, being a San Juanderer, the food was also outstanding.

Later that day we had our traditional Happy Hour and then were treated to a hamburger and hotdog dinner with all of the trimmings. A special thanks to master chefs Max and Ann Archer who braved the smoke from the BBQ to finish the entree. In hindsight, we should have moved the BBQ outside to eliminate that excessive smoke problem. It all turned out well and nobody went home hungry.

On Saturday, a brave group of us boarded the Island Whaler jet boat and took the tour of the Deception Pass bridge. It was a beautiful day and Puget Sound was calm. We saw harbor seals, exotic birds and eagles. One of the eagles was nice enough to land on a bank and pose for us as we took its photograph; however, you had to work fast because he did not stay long. We also learned that on the Fidalgo Island side of the high cliffs was a cave that was used as a state prison. It housed about 40 prisoners and since it only had one opening, only one prison guard was used to sequester the men. The cave was actually a working mine that was used to explore for gold. Unfortunately, they did not find any. However, the good news is that they loaded all the rocks that were mined and they were barged to Seattle to be used as the foundation for the waterfront. Eventually the cave had to be closed by installing a metal grate at the entrance in order to keep the kids from climbing down the cliff and having parties.

That evening we again had a campfire and some of us started talking about the "good old days". Many interesting stories were told, but if you were not there, you will not hear them from me. Another group decided to play cards. A short time later Al Williamson came over to the campfire and announced that he was cleaned out at the card game. That is right; he lost his \$1.50 and was out of the game! Fortunately, Mari was one of the big winners, so they had gas money to get home.

## September Milestones

### Birthdays:

Joe Adams – 18<sup>th</sup>  
 Tom Atkinson – 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Anthony Bathurst – 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Sandy Bathurst – 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Mary Lee Cronin – 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Don Dale – 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Kathleen DaSouza – 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Elizabeth Fagan – 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Alfa Jackson – 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Fred Majewski – 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Judy Phillips – 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Cheryl Rodewald – 30<sup>th</sup>  
 Karen Slye – 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Shirley Stapleton – 30<sup>th</sup>

### Anniversaries:

Cox – 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Fagan – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Jackson – 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Patterson – 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Scown – 5<sup>th</sup>

On Sunday, we had a light breakfast and said our goodbyes. The time just seems to fly by so I think we all had a good time.

*Submitted by Ken and Eileen Barrett and Jim Schols and Nancy Conner*

## ***August 2011 Meeting Minutes***

President Erik Ward called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. on August 5, 2011 at the North Whidbey RV Park in Oak Harbor. There were 28 members present. Also present were guests of the Hillstroms who were from Wisconsin.

**President's Report:** Erik thanked Ken and Eileen Barrett and Jim Schols and Nancy Conner for hosting this outing. He received correspondence from Helen Hesketh, the state president, thanking us for being in charge of the crafts and the beanbag baseball at Moses Lake.

There were 16 Washington coaches at GNR this year. Washington came in first in beanbag baseball, and our club came in second in both the newsletter and the web site competitions. There was discussion on the trailer company Winnebago has purchased and whether these owners should be allowed to join WIT. There will be a "W" on the trailers, and most thought they should be allowed to become members. Erik was asked how we did in the WIT membership contest; a club from California won. He said the clam chowder served by the Washington members was a hit; it was gone in 30-40 minutes.

For the state rally in Lynden, we are in charge of setting up chairs and tables so those who can help should arrive on Wednesday. We volunteered to help the Sun Catchers with parking since they will not have very many members attending; Erik hasn't heard back for sure.

**Secretary's Report:** There was a motion to accept the previous minutes as published in the Whale's Tale; it was seconded and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** There was no report.

**Membership Report:** There was no report.

**Sunshine Report:** Alfa Jackson's brother died; a card was sent to Alfa and Doug.

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**Merchandise Report:** There was no report.

**Charity Report:** Cheryl Swartz would like to have \$500 to buy backpacks for Housing Hope children. If there is money left she will buy supplies to add to the backpacks. There will still be \$250 left in the charity fund. There was a question about having enough money left for Christmas gifts; Erik explained that the Christmas gifts are donated by individual members and this does not come out of the charity fund. There was a motion to approve \$500 for this purpose; it was seconded and approved. Erik will have a check sent to Cheryl.

**Newsletter Report:** Everything is going well. Those involved with the newsletter were congratulated on receiving second in the competition at GNR.

**Past President's Report:** There was nothing to report at this time.

**Vice President's Report and Outings:** There was no report.

**Old Business:** There was no old business.

**New Business:** If you are planning to attend the October outing in McMinville, be sure to make your own reservations. There are lots of things to do there including wineries and museums.

In the past, each member has received a Chapter of Excellence pin. This year the clubs will receive a medallion which is placed on a stand and displayed by the club president.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries:** Those celebrating in August were acknowledged.

**Good of the Order:** There was a motion to adjourn; it was seconded and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.



## ***2011 San Juanderer's Outing Schedule***

**If anyone has been left off of any of the outings please email Dianne Mumaw and let her know at [liketovacation6@msn.com](mailto:liketovacation6@msn.com)**

### Sept. 15-18 , 2011

Washington State Rally, Lynden. Wa., (Whatcom County Fairgrounds)

**Hosts: Wash-I-Bago State Club**

**Sign-Ups as of 6/21/11:** Archer, Waldron, Henderson, Hinds, Rodewald, Schols/Conner, Jackson, Nardinger, Mumaw, Ward, Washburn, Hillstrom, Paulson, Ronning, Stapleton, Stern, King, Atkinson, Slye, Bathurst, Ziegler, Phillips

**Total: 22 Coaches**

### October 13-16, 2011

Olde Stone Village RV Park, 4155 Three Mile Rd. McMinnville, Or.  
Telephone: 877-472-4315 (**Must make your own Reservations**)

**Hosts: Erik and Jane Ward and Tom and Cheryl Rodewald**

**Sign-Ups as of 7/1/11:** Ward, Loomis, Henderson, Nardinger, Cronin, Ronning, Rodewald, Hillstrom, Stapleton, Stern, Cox, Jackson, Morache, Ziegler, Phillips, Ayers, Sullivan, O'Brien

**Total: 18 Coaches**

### November 16, 2011

Luncheon: 11:00 A.M. Farmhouse Restaurant, 13724 La Conner Whitney Rd., Mount Vernon, Wa

**Hosts: Dave & Joan Ronning**

**Sign Ups as of 7/1/11:** Archer, Waldron, Loomis, Everest, Henderson, Hinds, Ronning, Nardinger, Cronin, Rodewald, Schreiner, Ward, Washburn, Hillstrom, Paulson, Stapleton, Stern, Cox, Atkinson, Ziegler, Basty, Phillips, Sullivan

**Total: 46, Individuals**

### December 2 - 4, 2011

Fidalgo Bay RV Resort, 4701 Fidalgo Bay RD, Anacortes, WA.  
98221

**Annual Christmas Party  
(800)727-5478.)**

**Must make your own reservations**

**Hosts: Club Officers.**

**Sign-Ups as of 6/21/11:** Archer, Waldron, Loomis, Everest, Henderson, Hinds, Ronning, Nardinger, Cronin, Rodewald, Schreiner, Ward, Washburn, Hillstrom, Paulson, Stapleton, Stern, Cox, Atkinson, Basty(dinner only)

**Total: 40 Individuals 19 Coaches**