

# Lake Roosevelt Walleye Club

Home of the Annual  
Washington State Governor's  
Cup Walleye Tournament



**Meeting is 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday (February 10) @ 7 P.M.  
Senior Center, Kettle Falls**

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The club's web site is located at: [lakerooseveltwalleyeclub.com](http://lakerooseveltwalleyeclub.com)

**February Meeting** – There is no speaker planned for this month's meeting. The March meeting will include Club members and tournament fisherman sharing how they set up their fishing gear, and how they use it. Don Graham will share what he does to catch so many walleyes.

**At the Last Meeting** – Richard LeClaire reported that the Colville Tribe is planning to restore fish passage from Lake Roosevelt to Barnaby Creek. This will mean replacing the existing culvert under the County Road with a natural bottom culvert at grade allowing fish passage into the upper portions of Barnaby Creek. This will occur as soon as the Lake draw down levels allow the construction to begin. Richard reports the pool is being drawn down now and will be drawn down to at least elevation 1254, and may even be drawn down to 1240 and held at 1254 until the pool is filled to the summer level by late May. The ramp elevation at Kettle Falls is 1234; Gifford is 1249.

Marty wants to thank the members for taking interest in Club activities and making it a fun & enjoyable Club.

**Reminder** that dues were to be paid in January, membership will be extended till the end of March but due to the expense of sending out Newsletters unpaid members will not receive the April newsletter. We all know that the Club dues do not cover the Club expenses.

**Jim Meskan has some info he would like to share;**

- 1). Our club has an underwater camera for club members to check out.
- 2). Our club has a very good collection of VHS and some DVD Walleye fishing tactics movies.
- 3). Don't forget to file your hunting activity report with the state, even for turkeys, whether or not you filled a tag.
- 4). Now thru the end of February, get your coyote check by Clark's AI-Sports for a ticket entry in prize drawings.
- 5). 2011 Boat Launch Permits are now available for 30.00 at Kettle Falls Chamber of Commerce.
- 6). Fantastic fishing reports from Swawilla Basin (Spring Canyon) for nice sized rainbows and Kokanee; Orange, red and pink Apex lures tipped with maggots are working well. Top 10'.

Kokanee limit is 6, only 2 wild ones retained. The roads are looking good for our annual March trip to Spring Canyon this year.

7). Please inform a board member of Guest Speakers you would like to see.

8). We have been working with Clarks All-Sports to have club t-shirts made; we also have club jackets--a demo will be available at next club meeting for new members to look at.

**Northern Pike in the Pend Oreille River** -- The Kalispell tribal fisheries biologists have been studying the Pend Oreille River fishery for more than 7 years now. They are working on Cutthroat and Bull Trout recovery, along with the Bass fishery.

The Tribe has a largemouth bass hatchery program in progress. Over the last several years they have noticed an increase in the presence of northern pike, both adult and juvenile fish, and the population of forage fish preferred by pike are down across the board. Their conclusion is that pike population is up about 500 percent. They are down to Box Canyon Dam and are also being found in the Boundary Dam pool. As these eating machines move down stream, they will impact the entire Columbia River fishery, including the salmon and steelhead both native and hatchery salmonids. It appears they have originated in the Clark Fork, a dam along the Clark Fork and 3 on the Pend Oreille River have not hampered their down stream migration. It will be interesting to watch the impact this will have on our fishery.

**Club fishing Day** -- 22 members attended the Club fishing day on Sat, Jan 29, at Bradbury Beach. Trout fishing was slow (only 3 trout caught), but lots of great conversation around our warming beach fires. Lunch followed, with a menu of prime rib sandwiches, ribs, and hot dog chili feed cooked on BBQ's at the launch site. Thanks to Jim Meskan for organizing and prep of the food.

**Governor's Cup** - The tournament committee has met 4 times in last several weeks to complete events necessary up to this point for this year's event. Tournament Committee positions are as follows:

Marty Martin, Tournament Director  
Doug Eastwood, Assistant Director (and Wearable's Chairman)  
Doug Unzeitig, Raffle Chairman  
Jim Gleaton, Advertisement Chairman  
Jim Tharp, Tournament Projects Coordinator  
Dennis Hankins & Fred Young, Committee members

All necessary permits as well as insurance have been obtained. Happy Dell Park site as tournament HQ has been given an "O.K." Letters have been sent, along with a promo CD of last year's tournament to over 35 major sporting goods manufacturers and suppliers requesting sponsorship and/or donations for this year's event. Doug Unzeitig, Tournament Raffle Chairman, has purchased the big raffle prizes - a Marlin .270 cal, with scope, and a .22 cal auto rifle; first & second drawing respectively. Tickets for both rifles combined will be \$10 ea, with a maximum total of 250 tickets sold.

Another raffle will be held for smaller items (donations from area sponsors) and Club-purchased items, and tickets will be sold at \$1 each.

Jim Gleaton, Tournament Ad Chairman, is looking for volunteers to solicit ads and sponsorships from area community merchants. There will be a list of sponsors to contact at the February meeting. Please contact any of the Tournament Committee members if you wish to help the Club make this the best Governor's Cup ever.

Local Team & Club member wins again; Don Ghramm's Team will be representing Washington State for the 2011 Governors Trophy. Congratulations Don!

**NEWS:** Cancer Relay for Life Team; Lake Roosevelt Walleye Club, the team Captain is Linda Thank. Our team is now registered on this web link with Stevens County, Washington RFL at this web site: [www.relayforlife.com/stevenscountycolvillewa](http://www.relayforlife.com/stevenscountycolvillewa)

This website link will be where I make reports on progress, fundraising events, personal experiences as a Captain, what's happening, post photos, and a multitude of other things. Be sure to check it out! Any other contact and/or will be by phone, e-mail, and at our monthly meetings. Things on my web page for this team will likely be up-dated on a frequent basis so book mark this link!

One thing I learned at the Kick-off: Cancer is a 24/7/365 thing; that's the reason for the "Relay for Life" name and for the 24 hour walk. People with Cancer live with it 24 hours a day for 365 days a year. This Program is also a 365 day a year fundraising program. It doesn't stop after June 24-25, 2011. We can always donate to this program as a Team or as an individual. My impression is that the monies collected in Stevens County stay in Stevens County for our county programs to fight and help serve those with Cancer, this I plan on verifying as true or untrue.

At this time I am in the planning stage for my personal goal within this team to raise \$100. I paid \$10.00 to register myself on this Team. I am addressing the need to sign up more participants for fundraising and anyone interested in the event of the Relay. Because the Relay for Life falls on our yearly Tournament weekend, I don't see many club members being willing or able to show up at the Track at the Colville High School. To me, this is not an "insurmountable catastrophe"! We all have family, friends and relatives who might want to come to the event and see what happens, how it works, and meet those great people called CANCER SURVIVORS! They make the first lap of the Relay. Any Cancer Survivor can sign up for free at any time.

Not everyone has to be registered to help raise Team fund. However, our Team Goal is \$1,000.....the recommended level for a team of 8 to 15 participants who will register with the Team Captain at \$10.00 each. In general, it worked out that \$10. X 15 covers the current and maximum signup cost for a Team. We were given an Early-Bird Sponsorship fee of \$50 to register the Team.

So far we have two registered members: Tom and I. Let's get to "Fishing the Cure"!

I think that's a good Team THEME!

Thanks for the Support and Welcome Aboard as donors, members of the team; all ideas are welcome! Linda

**Club Reminder;** if you have anything you would like to sell – boats, motors, fishing equipment and the like. Let me know 2 weeks prior to the next meeting and I will post it in the newsletter.

We want to thank Dorothy Nesland and the Lady Walleye's for all their work at the Club Meetings & during the Tournament; way to go ladies; we couldn't do it without you.