

# Lake Roosevelt Walleye Club

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



**Meeting is 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday (NO MEETING – JUNE, JULY OR AUGUST) @ 7 P.M.**

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Well the Lake level is at 1235' on the date of this newsletter and coming up about 1 foot per day. That means the water is to the boat ramp at Kettle Falls. It is also launch able at the following boat launches on FDR; Spring Canyon, Seven Bays, Keller Ferry and Hunters. I was at the Hunters ramp last weekend and it is still a long way to the water but the ramp was being used.

At the May meeting Eric Weatherman of Kettle Falls, (operates the log booms for NPS at China Bend and elsewhere) gave us a report on the project he was involved in with BC Hydro., moving a large turbine blade from Grand Coulee to its resting place in the upper Columbia River in Canada. It was very interesting. He also discussed problems that are going to be impacting cabin owners along Lake Roosevelt. The original agreement on the "National Recreation Area" encouraged cabins to be built along the Lake, but the NPS has decided they impact the "Wilderness Experience". It sounds like it is time for the County Commissioners to take management of their portions of the Lake back, as it was originally intended in the 1946 3-party agreement.

## **Club Events:**

June 12<sup>th</sup> Fishing Day - (7am-3pm) BBQ at Doug. Eastwood's after fishing.

July 16<sup>th</sup> Fishing Day - (7am-3pm) BBQ at Doug. Eastwood's after fishing.

August 20<sup>th</sup> Fishing Day - (7am-3pm) No BBQ, Club Picnic

September 17<sup>th</sup> Fishing Day - (7am-3pm) BBQ at Doug. Eastwood's after fishing.

June 11<sup>th</sup> - Casting Day with US Forest Service at Thomas Lake. "Cast for Kids" Those who are assisting meet at the Safeway Parking Lot in Colville at 8:15 am. Event is from 9:00 am to 1 pm.

Club Picnic, (fish fry) is August 20<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center. (More details in the July newsletter).

The governor signed the bill authorizing the implementation of a new "Discover Pass" to access State Lands, Parks, and WDFW properties. This new \$30.00 pass goes into effect July 1, 2011. You will have to have one if you plan on going onto State Land to cut wood, pick huckleberries, picnic or camp. The access pass you get from WDFW when you buy your Fishing license is only good on WDFW land, like WDFW boat launches, and areas like the Wooten Game Range on the Tucannon River. You will need both if you plan on doing both activities. Its only money! How can it be? That a State Parks system that is booked all the time, cannot make money? And we have to support them with more fees! Guess it's kind of like the State Ferry System.

A State Park in Benton County that the State closed, Crow Butte, has been taken over by the Benton County PUD and one of the Tribes to run. Last month my wife had a small family re-union at that park. It was only \$25.00 per night for full hook-ups, and a boat launch pass. It is a very well kept park, clean and green. Like a lot of the lower Columbia it was a tad windy, but the camp sites are very nice. We fished each day in the bay between the island and the highway (somewhat more sheltered from the wind) and we caught some perch, and bass. The last afternoon we really nailed the walleye, they were back in that inlet and we did well, as did the other 6 or 7 boats fighting the wind. They were all nice fish, with several about 3 pounds. We didn't catch any "Bugle Mouth Bass" either like the fellow in the picture below. You might think about putting that camp on your June calendar. Reservations can be made on the internet, and your site is waiting for you when you get there.



NICE FISH JIM!

#### **NEW CLUB PROJECT:**

Jim Meskan has proposed a project called "OPERATION LIFE JACKET" in memory of Laura Enquist, who is assumed drowned on the Kettle River Last month. She was not wearing a life jacket and was swept away by the swift current of the Kettle while canoeing with her brother who did have a life jacket on and made it to shore. The Board of Directors held a special meeting on June 2, 2011 to discuss the project and passed a motion to establish a fund to provide vouchers at Clarks All Sports in Colville for \$10.00 toward a Youth's life jacket purchase. This will make the voucher available for Teens to Toddlers for this purchase. The Board has made \$1,000 available for this project. They are also going to set up a special fund at American West Bank in Kettle Falls, Colville, and Chewelah where donations can be made to help fund this project. The objective is to make life jackets available to all youth and adults using our lakes and rivers, to reduce the kind of accident that takes too many lives. The club is also going to establish a "Collection Site" at the Kettle Falls Interpretive Center where people can drop off used, surplus or new life jackets. These life jackets will be made available to the public to use. We are looking into the possibility of putting up "Life Jacket Trees" at all boat launches in the area that people can use while on the water and return them when finished. Jim Meskan will be working with the NPS, Forest Service, and Game Dept. to get their cooperation in getting these sites established and stocked. This will be a big project, but worth while if we can save one life, good job Jim.

There will be **No meeting in June, July or August**, (see other club events above). September will be our next regular meeting. June is Tournament month.

**Everyone who has signed up to help during the Tournament please let Jim Tharp know if you cannot make it. If you want to work at the Tournament & have not signed up, please come down and offer your services.**

If you have books of Raffle tickets that you have not sold, be sure to get them back in to Doug Unzeitig. We are also looking for a volunteer to sell \$10.00 raffle tickets for Cabelas gift cards at the tournament, please contact Doug Unzeitig or Doug Eastwood if you can help.

**Lots of volunteers needed on Friday June 24 to assist with chairs, tables, & trailer set up for the 5pm Drivers Meeting. Please meet at Happy Del Park in Kettle Falls at 10:00 am.**

### **RELAY for LIFE TEAM Report:**

#### **Hello Everyone!**

For those of you who are signed up and going to be active on Friday at the Relay for Life Event on June 24th thru Saturday June 25th, here is some information that will likely be updated after June 7th and the last meeting for Captains of Teams:

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, at the meeting, the Reservations and Camping Spots will be assigned so if you are planning on Camping out please CONTACT ME so I can get you on the list. I would like to see those who will be camping out in a fairly close locale to our Motor Home [and no, Tom does not plan on running the generator!] so that we can all work together off and on thru the 12 hour walking shift which is given on the WALKING SHEET {no one has signed it yet so we may be "winging it". The WALKING SHEET only goes from 8 p.m. on FRIDAY evening and ends at Noon on SATURDAY. It would also be easier to cover the pre-daytime on Friday SALES and RAFFLE table with help on hand. There will be other activities on Friday and Saturday and there should be fun and games to keep people occupied when they visit or stay overnight.

Friday JUNE 3rd for the opening of TOWN AND COUNTRY DAYS I am setting up the Raffle Tables and Crafts and Bake Sale at the Head Quarters Salon on Main Street in Kettle Falls on Charlene's sidewalk entry. It will be a good opportunity for a boost in sales.

On SATURDAY the 4th of JUNE the table will be set up in Happy Dell Park during TOWN AND COUNTRY DAYS in Kettle Falls and hope to catch FARMER'S MARKET and daytime family picnickers for sales.

On WEDNESDAY JUNE 8th I will be back in the HAPPY DELL PARK with the RAFFLE and CRAFT and BAKE sale table so please bring down a plate of cookies or a loaf of bread or brownies or whatever you might like!! Any leftovers can be frozen and used for Fishing Club offerings at the annual Fishing Club Picnic or at Club meetings [those guys sure do like there coffee and snacks!].

We will need those goodies to sell at RELAY DAY ALSO so bring them on!!!!

It would be good to have a call from those of you who are going to try and get involved.

This Captain stuff has been a lonely undertaking even with support of family and friends. I FEEL IT'S WORTH THE TIME and every time I get the word about another victim of this cancer curse it makes me more determined!

Regards, Linda Thank, Team Captain  
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*TAKE A KID FISHING AND HIS GRANDPA TOO!*