

Poggie Club Newsletter

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General Meeting: April Meeting is **Cancelled**

BOARD Meeting: The Board meets 7PM Tuesday April 14th, at Free Conference Call (425) 436-6312 login code: 231305# providing Chief Poggie Norm sees a need for the meeting and sends the agenda. You will be notified by email.

Poggies,

I write to all of you with a great sense of disappointment. We are all committed to outdoor recreation and the education of our young future anglers. Unfortunately, we need to put our passion for the outdoors on hold for the foreseeable future.

At our Board meeting in March our topic of discussion was centered on the Covid-19 challenge our community was facing. Many things were not clear at that time but there was some information and speculation becoming available to the public from our Health Departments. The true extent of this disease was not as clear as it is today. Out of an abundance of caution that is why I canceled the March meeting.

However, your board looked at the information available at that time and we were concerned about what might be in the future. We all were concerned for the health and safety of our members and the public that we interact with on so many levels.

We looked at our activities and after much discussion the board decided to postpone or cancel a number of our events. You can find that information elsewhere in the newsletter. Today we have a little more clarity and direction concerning this pandemic. We have a long-standing commitment to our community that takes precedence over our love of fishing. We are all facing an unprecedented crisis.

So, in support of preventing the spread of COVID-19 and in compliance with Governor Jay Inslee's Statewide Emergency Proclamation and the guidelines provided the nation from our Federal government, our Kitsap Poggie Club has suspended most of our activities thru June 10, 2020 with the potential of more suspensions after that date. As one of Kitsap County's' oldest service organizations, we have always taken safeguarding our community's well being very seriously. Therefore, we will cooperate and adhere to our health professionals' directions..

There may be changes to this as more information becomes available. The situation is very fluid and may change with an increase/decrease in the spread of the virus and may also change with additional governmental action. Updates will be posted on our website, Face Book page and newsletter as the situation evolves.

By canceling our functions it puts our budgetary health at risk. We will lose 90% of our major fund raisers. The board decided to have an emergency budget committee meeting in June to determine a path forward. But you can help here. **Make sure you renew your membership!**

In closing, please be safe. This disease really has no favorites. We are all at risk. I ask all of us to follow the

guidelines we have been given to protect ourselves and each other. The sooner we get this thing beat, the sooner we will all be fishing!

In Service,

Norm Reinhardt, Chief Poggie

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Crona Virus Cancelled Events:

1. Poggie Club Elections delayed one year.
2. Our Annual Kids Fishing Party
3. General meetings until further notice.
4. CAST for Kids.
5. SITC School visits.
6. Summer Salmon Derby as an open event.
7. Charter Boat Outing from Ilwaco

Crona Virus Questionable Events: These require more information at this time.

1. Conservation Camp Scholarships.
2. Easter Seal Camp Trips
3. Volunteer work parties.

Poggie Halibut Derby 2020-Straits Safari!!!

Halibut derby- Stay tuned and watch for announcements about this. We are monitoring WDFW and COVID-19 and will announce next month if it is a go or not.

The Poggie 2020 Halibut derby will happen on Saturday May 2nd !!! Tickets will be available until May 1st at Aqua Tech Marine Services (360-792-2628) in East Bremerton. Tickets are still just \$25 cash. Derby Fishing will begin at sunrise and weigh in will be at 3 pm sharp at John Wayne Marina in Sequim. Weigh in will not be open until 3pm as I will be fishing also!! As in previous years, fishing will be in area 6 only. Contact Poggie Troy at Aqua Tech Marine Services (360-792-2628) for more info if needed. Plan on getting out on the water for a day of fishing with your fellow Poggies and hopefully raise some money for the club!!! It looks like a nice soft morning tide that is ripe for harvesting big flatties!!!

August 23rd Summer Picnic: ¶ Glen Jurges is actively collecting donations for our Summer Picnic Auction. Call him at 360 377-0274 to arrange pick-up/drop-off

Poggie 2020 BAJA

Baja- Trip is in October and will very likely happen pending the lifting of travel restrictions. We are proceeding with the planning at this stage.

Troy

The dates for the 2020 Poggie Baja Trip are October 12-17. This will be the 11th year of Poggies heading south for some good fishing, warm weather, and clean living!! Not to mention raising some money to help some local Baja kids get an education!! This year, I have been discussing

upping the ante with my brother. We are looking at possibly doing one or 2 days of the trip on the Pacific side in the Mag Bay area and trying to get at some of the remote but incredible fishing that can be accessed on that side of the Baja peninsula. There would be some additional cost, but we could be on to some spots with giant grouper, schools of wahoo, big tuna, and billfish. Mag Bay is a hot topic in Baja fishing that typically can only be accessed by long range boats from San Diego. Palapas Ventana has the means to put us in boats on the outer islands of Mag Bay with a shot at anything that swims on the offshore banks. Everyone that is interested in the trip this year should contact me soon so we can start formulating a plan together for the Baja adventure this Fall!!! Contact Poggie Troy at Aqua Tech Marine Services 360-792-2628.

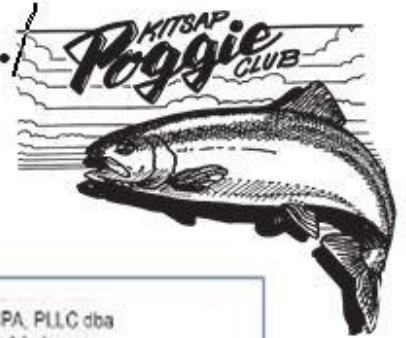
Membership Contest: We will raise the bar again and sight in on perfect 2020 recruiting with a net 20 in 2020 for a \$100 initial prize and \$50 extra for each ten over the goal. Net 20 in 2020 means we will subtract members disenrolled for nonpayment of dues. We recruited 36 new members in 2019.

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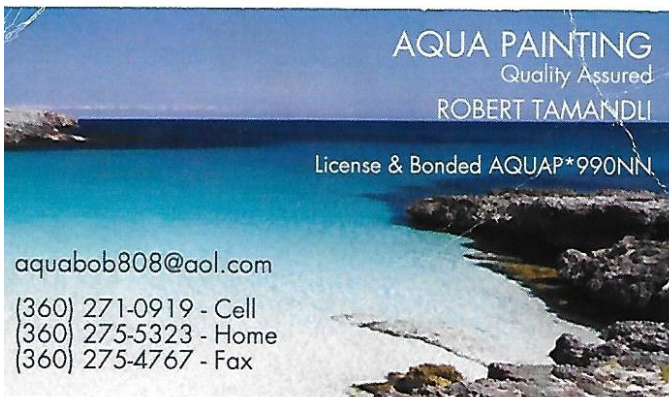
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