

Poggie Club Newsletter

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Andrew Wright 360-801 3721 Appointed

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General Meeting: December meeting will be the Annual Christmas Party December 15 at

BOARD Meeting: The Board meets 7PM Tuesday December 10th, at the Windermere Real Estate Office, 9939 Mickelberry Rd. in Silverdale.

Christmas Party:

Annual Christmas Party: Sunday, December 15th, Location is at West Side Improvement Center. The Center is located at the intersection of National and E Street Bremerton. The address is 4109 W E Street, Bremerton 98312. National departs Kitsap Way at the Starbucks/Rite Aid corner or exit WA 3 at auto center take Loxi Egan to National then right to E street. Bring a side vegetable, salad or sweet potato dish to share or dessert. You must bring your own place settings, Coffee and other drinks will be provided. If desiring to participate bring a gift valued not less than \$10 to participate in a gift exchange by Santa Claus. Ladies bring a lady's gift; men bring a man's gift. There will be raffle and auction events. **Donate raffle/auction items if you have a donate auction item to big to bring, then bring a picture.**

Please call the Fox 360 850 3094: She needs ages and number of children attending Christmas Party.

Mexico Trip:

Poggie 2019 Baja Trip Wrap-Up
by Poggie Troy Hatler

The 2019 Poggie Baja Trip to Palapas Ventana in Baja Mexico was October 14th-19th. This was the 11th Poggie Baja Trip!!! Though the weather in Washington wasn't that bad when we left, it sure felt good to get a big dose of vitamin D and enjoy some 85-degree weather!! By the way, the water was 83 degrees also!!

Baja looked less like a desert and more like a tropical rain forest again this year. The desert was all green and in bloom due to the rain that the area received prior to our arrival. It was beautiful. Southern Baja received 6+inches of rain 2 days before the Poggies arrived which stirred things up a bit. The water was a bit murky and there was a lot of debris in the water from all the runoff. That made for some slightly challenging fishing this year. It was a pure Dorado show out in the murky blue water with fish in the 7-14lb range. Newcomer Gary Heitmann picked up all the awards with his 13+lb Dorado. There was a good supply of bottom fish on the reefs as well, with Poggies feasting on ceviche made from fresh reef fish every day.

Poggie Norm heard that the "pest" fish in Baja (think Dogfish of the south-called a Needlefish) tasted good. So, of course, he wanted to keep one and try it. We had to persuade our captain to keep one (Norm es loco!!) and beg the kitchen to cook it (Norm es loco!!), but it did taste pretty good.

Once again, the Poggies did a great job of raising funds to support local students in their struggle to pay for school. This year, with a small crew, we managed to raise \$745. This money goes a long way in Baja to help support scholarships for High School in the local community. High School is not free in Mexico and this

sometimes prevents smart kids from being able to continue their education. I am proud of the Poggies for having raised money for these students over the years and this year continued that tradition!!

The staff at Palapas Ventana took incredible care of us! A few people snuck in some snorkeling out in front of the resort after fishing and loved it. We all went out on the Hot Dog Train again this year. In case you don't remember from my article last year, the Hot Dog Train is a Geo tracker and 3 trailers that have been decorated to look like a train pulling 3 hot dog carts. We rode in the trailers and went to 3 different local Baja Hot Dog stands and ate the special concoctions-bacon wrapped hot dogs with various special additions including wraps of mild chilis, cheese, chopped steak and more!! It was a night of local culture that I don't think anyone will forget.

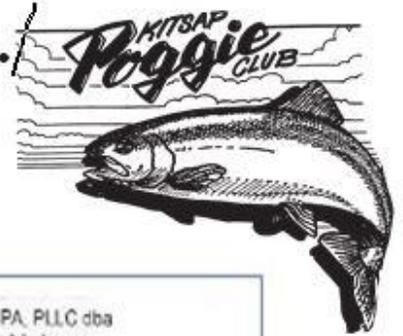
The resort looked great, the rooms were clean and comfortable, the food was fantastic, and we all soaked up that glorious Baja vibe!!

Two people have already reserved spots for next year. The dates will be October 12th-17th 2020. Contact Poggie Troy or Poggie Sheli at Aqua Tech Marine Services (360-792-2628) if you are interested in signing up.

Membership Contest: We will raise the bar again because 17 in 17 as well as 18 in 18 were successful new member recruiting programs. For 2019 we will look for 19 in 19 to produce a qualifying 19 new members to create a minimum \$100 prize pot. In addition to recruiting 2019 will feature recognition awards for areas of volunteerism by club members. **Thirty-three new members to date.**

<p><u>Chico inlet garbage and doggy bag duty:</u> November/ December Art Bruner. Time to make a new list for 2020.</p>

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