

Save Our Fish Auburn Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers

Next Chapter Meeting:

Next Meeting Date May 25, 2022

6:00pm

**Trotter's Restaurant
825 Harvey Rd, Auburn**

Be sure to check out our website: <http://www.saveourfish.org/>

For a complete list of Board Members, please visit the website:

<http://saveourfish.org/board>

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Up and Coming Activities:

May

25 – General Club Meeting 6:00pm

Speaker: Blake Smith

July

7-9 – Sekiu Outing

13 – Board Meeting 7:00pm

27 – General Club Meeting 6:00pm

June

4 – Federal Way Kids Derby

8 – Board Meeting 7:00pm

22 – General Club Meeting 6:00pm

August

10 – Board Meeting 7:00pm

24 – Steak & Corn Feed 6:00pm



President's Message -- Rob Larsen

We had a fantastic kids derby at the Mill Pond in Auburn, Washington by Riverside High School. Thanks to all the volunteers who came out to make it great and the kids and family that showed up to enjoy it. It was a real privilege for me as it was the first time my grandchildren were able to come to one of our derbies and they had a great time.

Special thanks to all of those that helped out. I'm not going to mention any names because I'll miss someone. The weather looked a little bit threatening at first, but it mellowed out. We had very little rain and lots of fun. All the kids caught plenty of fish and had big smiles.

I have spent quite a bit of time working on the coastal Steelhead with Frank Urabeck and the drama continues. I'd like to say I have something good to report, but I don't. We will continue to work this issue to see if we can get some improvement from the current situation. We're also working to try to keep Baker Lake sockeye fishing together. I will update more on that when I know more. Baker forecast is good and should produce fish shortly after the Fourth of July. The biggest wildcard is how many fish they're going to catch in the river this year with nearly 40 miles of river being open from the middle of June to the middle of July. If they don't go over in the river, we should see good opportunity in the lake. If you like fishing the river, get up there and have a good time. If you want to fish the lake, get reservations now.

Puget Sound is open for lingcod and some of our members are getting a few. The area 11 opener is on June 1st and I expect there will be some salmon around so get out and bend a rod.



Tight Lines --
Rob Larsen
SOF PSA president

May Speaker – Blake Smith

Blake Smith, who works with the Puyallup Tribe Enhancement, will be our speaker. Hope you all come out to hear what he has to say.

Blake's story

I was raised in Auburn and graduated from Auburn High School in 1976. I caught my first limit of steelhead in the Green River when I was 12, and have been hooked ever since! I feel blessed for all of the great fishing I have had, and amazed at how fast all of our fisheries have changed. Went to Green River College, transferred to University of Washington School of Fisheries and obtained a Bachelor and Master of Science degrees. Started working for the Puyallup Tribe of Indians Fisheries Department in 1990. The program was incredibly small at that time and has continued to grow with limited resources.

My talk will begin with some limiting factors of natural production over the years, overall recent trends in escapement for wild and hatchery salmonids, hatchery production, and some of the projects we are working on to increase production of salmon in the Puyallup River system.

Sekiu Outing – July 7-9

Our Sekiu Outing will be in July 7th, 8th and 9th. ***Booking at Mason's Resort in Sekiu will become available on March 1st and fill extremely fast.*** If you plan to go this year, I strongly recommend that you book your room early that morning. It would be nice if we could get the cabins together. We are going earlier due to the early closure last year. It is lots of fun and there are charters out of Sekiu if you don't have a boat. We will have a potluck on Friday night. I hope many of you make plans to come and enjoy the fun.



Mason's Olson Resort

Phone: (360) 963-2311

Address: 444 Front Street, PO Box 245, Sekiu, WA 9838

Tip of the Month – Freshwater Fishing Tips

from Greg Hindman

- **Map It** – When fishing in a freshwater lake or pond you'll want to get a topographical map of that body of water. This will let you know what and where the different depths of the lake or pond are. Along with that it may also show you locations of sunken man-made fish cribs.
- **Bait Matters!** – The best type of bait is live bait! Worms, minnows, wax worms and soft shell (crayfish) are good ways to start. You will want to use the live bait is best for the species of fish you're trying to catch. Some other types of live bait that are also used are leeches and frogs or anything else live you think the fish will go for! Artificial bait works also, with the popular options being spinners and crank baits.
- **Check the Water Temp** – The majority of freshwater fish species have specific water temperature and weather that they prefer. The hotter it gets outside the deeper you'll need to fish. Fish tend to like cool temperatures and will move to deeper, cooler water as the temperature outside rises. During dusk and

dawn, fish will come to more shallow water to feed. You'll want to research the specific fish you're trying to catch to figure out the best times and water depths to catch them.

- Keep those hands clean! – When fishing in water with little salinity you'll really want to make sure you keep your hands clean. Fish have a great sense of smell and any foreign scent on your bait or lures can turn them off.
- Other Essentials – Aside from obviously needing a rod and reel, other things that you will eventually need would be a tackle box, needle- nose pliers, a net, and most definitely an ice chest with your favorite hydrating beverage. Also, a nice pair of polarized sunglasses will not only block the UV rays from the sun and the sun's glare on the water, but they will help you to see a little better into the water to locate fish.

Auburn Youth Fishing Derby --recap



The Auburn Youth Fishing Derby was held on May 7th.

As club president I thought the derby was great. The weather was not looking good as we set up, but we had a great turnout from the club. The weather cooperated and there was little to no rain. We had approximately 70 kids and all caught plenty of fish and had big smiles. Jordan's son caught his limit and proudly paraded them around for the remainder of the derby. I had my 2 granddaughters show up and they had a great time catching fish, but it was a real joy to see them having fun catching fish.

Overall the derby was a great success. Thanks to everyone that helped out.

Rob Larsen



Jordan Paladay's daughter
Isabel with her first fish



Rob Larsen with daughter Nicole and
granddaughters Blakley and Adison

Algona Kids Derby -- recap

The Algona Kids Fishing Derby was held on May 14th.



SOF Club member Carl with
daughter and grandkids

The Next Kids Fishing Derby – June 4th 7am-12pm

The next kids fishing derby is at the Steel Lake Park fishing dock in Federal Way -- Kids Hooked on Fishing

Anyone wanting to help or need more information please contact Russell Carver 253-318-8523

Raffle News

May 2022 Raffle News

It's May already. I know we are all tired of the cold wet weather, but I just have to believe the sun is at the end of the tunnel!

This month, the main prize will be a complete crab set up just in time for the summer opener. I think what I will do, starting this month, will be to offer prizes in larger lots so as not to reduce the quality or quantity of items in the raffle. This will help it to go faster and hopefully keep people's attention on the drawings until completed. We have quite a few new items so I'm hoping you'll be pleasantly surprised by the mix of very useful fishing gear picked out by a true fishing expert. As usual, we will have a member only drawing for 10 raffle tickets (last month 1 person missed out) and the final ticket drawn will pick one knife from a great assortment of styles and brands.

Thanks for reading and I'll see you all on Wednesday!

We NEED People!!!! Bring a friend and spread the word about the great items and games we are offering up! ☺

Greg Hindman
253-486-5161



Visit Our Website

The website has the recipe of the month, links to our sponsors, and a year's worth of past newsletters. There is a new link on the Hogpen web page to submit photo's for the Hogpen, which will provide the pictures for the Newsletter, Website, and Christmas Banquet.

www.saveourfish.org



Save Our Fish Facebook Page

The Save Our Fish [Facebook page](#) is a Public Group currently with 47 members. If you are on Facebook and haven't requested to join the group, now is your chance.

Let's see how many members we can get this year! This is a great way to get club information. It can also be used to connect with other members to fill an empty seat in the boat, see where other members are fishing (if they are willing to share), or post videos, photos, or other fishing and conservation interests.

Membership – New and Renewals

UPDATEUPDATE*

Thank you everyone that have paid your membership dues for the 2021 year. *Your SOF board has decided to extend your paid membership through the end of 2022.* For those of you who have not yet paid, it's not too late. Memberships can be paid online, at any SOF meeting, or by mail to the address at the bottom of the SOF membership form. Contact Rich Gregory if you have any membership question.

You can pay by mail or online at <http://www.saveourfish.org/Membership/Membership.htm>.

The membership form is attached at the end of this newsletter or you can contact our member chair, Rich Gregory, at rwgav8@hotmail.com.

Click here to pay: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=FIZb14yBeNX1SNG80QYPNONcJJjiwtgiJxdurg11BSvD-4EIX_IssRDmduLv7mgOlg4MR0

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Here’s what the top of the form looks like. **Click the \$ sign to fill in your amount then click the + sign on the “Add special instructions” and tell us what you are paying for. Example: 2018 dues for Greg Hindman.**

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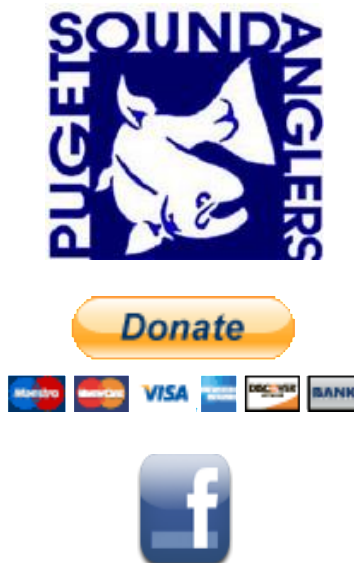
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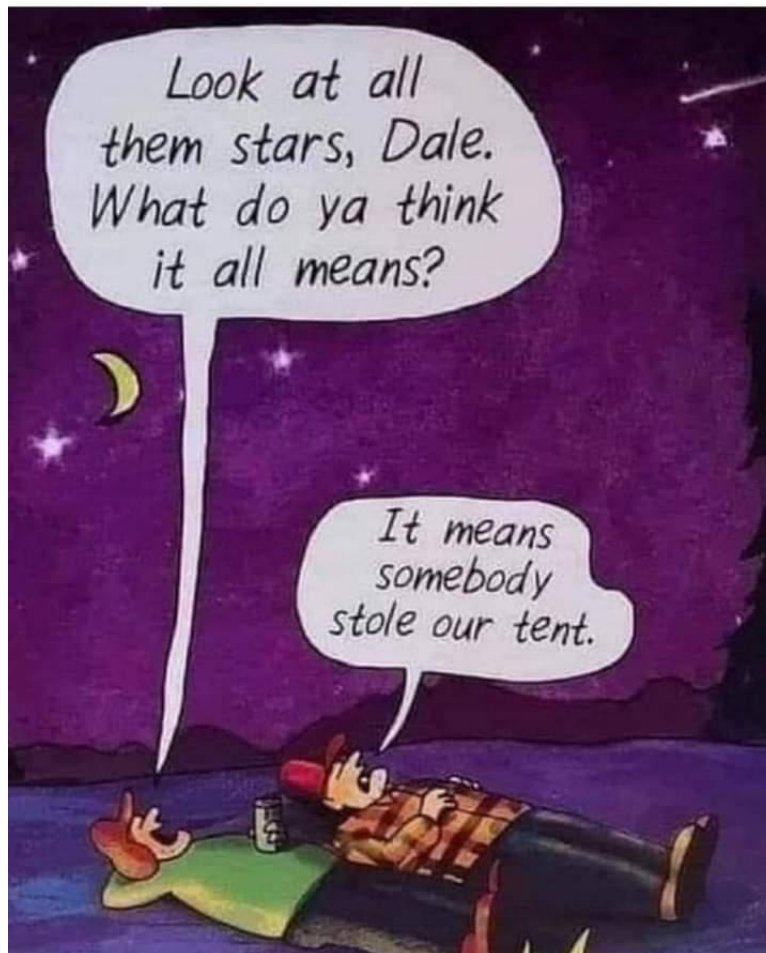


The membership form is available online <http://www.saveourfish.org/membership.pdf> and at the end of this newsletter.

Save Our Fish PSA Hats for Sale

Now you can proudly advertise your PSA chapter. Hats are embroidered with a colored PSA logo on the front and Save Our Fish stitched on the back.

Quantities are limited, so bring your money and get yours at the next meeting. \$10



Member Classifieds

Do you have any items in the garage that have just been collecting dust over the years? Maybe a fishing pole that you just don't use anymore. Why not sell it to a fellow member in the new classifieds section? Send a brief description of the item you would like to sell and photo if available to sof.psa@hotmail.com and we will include it in the next issue of the newsletter.

If you have a website or product you would like to share, please send the information to:
Sof.psa@hotmail.com

For Sale

Two Neoprene Youth Caddis Wading System Waders – XS and Small. \$20 each

One Neoprene Stearns Womens Waders - Medium. \$30.

All have stocking feet and only worn once or twice.

If interested see Kathy at our April 27th meeting.



For Sale

Shimano Stradic C14 - 4000 series \$150.00. Excellent condition

16 lb coil of soft 1/8 pencil lead. \$50.00

Contact Duane Horton 206-819-9839

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Hog Pen

Do you have a picture from your latest fishing adventures? Be sure to send it, with your descriptive caption to sof.psa@hotmail.com for your chance to have it be featured in the Hog Pen.



Bob Holzberger at LaPaz
Yellowtail



Bob Holzberger at LaPaz
Pago, Yellowtail and Grouper



Rob Nowowiejski and Steve Carver
Columbia River



Russ Carver
Spring Chinook



Tim, Scott, Steve and Carl
Spring Chinook



Shane and Dayle Conrad took advantage of the
20-clam limit and nice weather earlier
this month at Long Beach

Recipe of the Month

Broccoli Cheese Balls

Broccoli Cheese Balls are crispy on the outside with 3 kinds of gooey melted cheese and fresh broccoli on the inside. Make a great appetizer!

PREP: 1 hr

COOK: 15 mins

TOTAL: 1 hr 15 mins

Ingredients

- ☐ 1 1/2 heaping cups fresh broccoli florets
- ☐ 1 cup shredded Colby cheese
- ☐ 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- ☐ 4 ounces Velveeta, cut into small chunks
- ☐ 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- ☐ 2 1/4 cups Panko crumbs, divided
- ☐ 1 egg, lightly beaten
- ☐ 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- ☐ 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- ☐ Vegetable or Canola oil



Instructions

- Steam broccoli until slightly softened. Let cool.
- Finely chop broccoli. You want the pieces to be 1/4-inch or less. Place in a large bowl.
- Add cheese, red pepper flakes, 1/4 cup Panko crumbs, and 1 egg to bowl with broccoli. Stir well.
- Use your hands to shape mixture into balls using about a rounded tablespoon for each ball. You should get 12-14.
- Place balls on a plate and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.
- Place flour in a bowl.
- Place the 2 lightly beaten eggs in a second bowl and mix in 1 tablespoon water.
- Place remaining 2 cups Panko crumbs in a third bowl.
- Pour about 2 inches of oil in a Dutch oven or heavy pot. Heat oil to 375 degrees. For best results use a thermometer.
- Remove broccoli balls from refrigerator, coat in flour, dip in egg mixture, and then coat in Panko crumbs.
- Fry about 4 balls at a time cooking until golden brown on all sides.
- Drain on a paper towel-lined plate.

Author: Christin Mahrliig

www.spicysouthernkitchen.com/broccoli-cheese-balls/

Editor's Note: I am looking for clam fritter recipes. Submit your favorite clam fritter recipe to dayleconrad@yahoo.com. Shane and I will make the recipes submitted and vote on which is our favorite. The winning submission will be sent a prize from us. The deadline for recipe submission is by June 1st and the winner will be announced in the June newsletter. Thank you for your participation!



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

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Current address:		
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Primary Phone (Home, Cell, Work <i>Please circle</i>):		
Alternate Phone (Home, Cell, Work <i>Please circle</i>):		
Email Address:		
Sponsor:		

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is for the 2022 calendar year. **Dues paid through February 28, 2022 are at rates shown below, reduced by \$5.00.** Dues paid after March 1, 2022 will be at the full annual rates shown below. Contact Rich Gregory at 253-209-0586 or sof.psa@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

MEMBERSHIP SELECTION

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PAYMENT

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Please check appropriate membership selection above, complete form, and bring to meeting or mail with check to:

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