

Minutes of WSGA Board Meeting

17 May 2017

Princess Trouble called WSGA's 17 May 2017 Business Meeting order at 6:30pm.

Board Members in attendance: Broncos Fan 4Life (Chandra Day), FenchurchE (Fen Eatough), GeekandGopher (Ray/Brenda Harrison), Martin5 (Jerry Martin), Mr. Gadget #2 (Gene Reed), Princess Trouble (Jacquie Vaughn), Rambudo (Russell Brendel), SirKarp (Rob Norenberg), Tumbleweed Pirates (Mike Lowery)

Also in Attendance: Avroair (Mark Clemens), jtcoffee (Jessie Maxwell), Mc3cats (Chris Brue), Moun10Bike (Jon Stanley), NepoKama (Mitch Eatough), NWStinkerbella, PeachandPete (Annette Bailes), Terrible Ts (Jim Tollefson)

Princess Trouble welcomed the board members, appointees and visitors in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Minutes from 15 March 2017 were approved unanimously

Comments: None

Financial Report

Report by Broncos Fan 4 Life

January 1, 2017 starting balance: \$10,161.24

Income:

- Sales: \$163.70
- Membership: \$1,088.00
- **Total: \$1,251.70**

Expenses:

- PayPal Fees: \$32.21
- USPS: \$430.41

- Supplies: \$148.16
- Dues/Licenses: \$32.66 (Groundspeak Renewal)
- **Total (\$643.44)**

January 31, 2017 ending balance: \$10,769.50
(\$608.26 increase)

February 1, 2017 starting balance: \$10,769.50

Income:

- Membership: \$493.00
- **Total: \$493.00**

Expenses:

- PayPal Fees: \$25.54
- USPS: \$227.15
- Internet: \$479.40 (Go Daddy.com fees)
- **Total (\$732.09)**

February 28, 2017 ending balance: \$10,530.41
(\$239.09 decrease)

March 1, 2017 starting balance: \$10,530.41

Income:

- Membership: \$379.00
- Merch Sales: \$7.15
- Misc: \$500.00 (refund from Maple Valley CC)
- **Total: \$886.15**

Expenses:

- WA State Annual Filing Fee: \$10.00
- APE: \$1333.40
- Chapter Allocation: \$33.37
- USPS: \$440.77
- PayPal Fees: \$15.88
- Office Supplies: \$93.06
- Internet: \$21.92
- **Total (\$1948.40)**

March 30, 2017 ending balance: \$9,468.16
(\$1,062.25 decrease)

April 1, 2017 starting balance: \$9,468.16

Income:

- Membership: \$91.50
- Merch Sales: \$78.05
- **Total: \$169.55**

Expenses:

- Campout: \$770.00
- APE: \$64.27
- Chapter Allocation: \$127.32
- USPS: \$29.08
- PayPal Fees: \$8.32
- **Total (\$998.99)**

April 30, 2017 ending balance: \$8,638.72 (\$829.44 decrease)

Updated: 5/1/17

WSGA BUDGET & HISTORY	2015 Proposed	2015 Actual	2016 Proposed	2016 Actual	2017 Proposed	2017 Actuals	2017 Variance
INCOME							
Membership	\$5,000.00	\$4,022.00	\$4,600.00	\$3,040.00	\$3,500.00	\$2,051.50	-\$1,448.50
Merchandise Sales	\$5,500.00	\$6,245.00	\$5,500.00	\$8,580.57	\$5,000.00	\$248.90	-\$4,751.10
Campout	\$2,500.00	\$2,147.00	\$2,200.00	\$223.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	-\$1,500.00
Ape Weekend	\$15,000.00	\$25,144.78	\$9,000.00	\$8,215.32	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	-\$9,000.00
Fundraisers	\$300.00	\$123.03	\$250.00	\$333.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$28,300.00	\$37,681.81	\$21,550.00	\$20,392.10	\$19,000.00	\$2,300.40	-\$16,699.60
EXPENSES							
Postage	\$1,000.00	\$718.54	\$750.00	\$343.36	\$1,000.00	\$1,127.41	\$127.41
Internet	\$2,000.00	\$181.51	\$1,500.00	\$727.97	\$500.00	\$501.32	\$1.32
Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$385.64	\$500.00	\$197.73	\$300.00	\$241.22	-\$58.78
Dues/fees	\$50.00	\$57.73	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$42.66	-\$7.34
PayPal fees	\$800.00	\$1,020.14	\$800.00	\$574.21	\$800.00	\$81.95	-\$718.05
Chapter Allocations	\$2,900.00	\$2,622.09	\$2,900.00	\$4,135.32	\$3,200.00	\$160.69	-\$3,039.31
Campout	\$3,000.00	\$1,067.95	\$2,600.00	\$1,634.80	\$1,500.00	\$770.00	-\$730.00
Ape Weekend	\$10,000.00	\$17,716.03	\$6,000.00	\$9,805.42	\$8,000.00	\$1,397.67	-\$6,602.33
APE Promotion							
WSGA coin/tb's	\$3,200.00	\$1,095.00	\$3,200.00	\$2,796.43	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	-\$3,000.00
Merchandise	\$3,500.00	\$340.50	\$3,000.00	\$1,196.52	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	-\$1,500.00
Small Grant Program	\$2,000.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	-\$700.00
Sponsorships	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	-\$1,000.00
Outreach	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	-\$100.00
Park Liasion	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	-\$100.00
GeoTour	\$750.00	\$39.90	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NW Trails	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
projectors	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
GPS units	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$177.50	\$150.00	\$328.50	\$100.00	\$0.00	-\$100.00
Total Expenses	\$30,400.00	\$27,322.53	\$23,750.00	\$21,760.26	\$21,850.00	\$4,322.92	-\$17,527.08
Net Budget	(\$2,100.00)	\$10,359.28	(\$2,200.00)	(\$1,368.16)	(\$2,850.00)	(\$2,022.52)	\$827.48

Chapter Allocations

	Puget Sound South Central	Olympic 48 North		Cache-Cadia	Inland Empire	Southwest	
2017 Start Total	\$637.50	\$256.50	\$157.00	\$168.50	\$281.50	\$185.50	\$170.00
March Additonal Funds	\$119.00	\$22.00	\$35.00	\$41.50	\$23.00	\$0.00	\$55.50
May Additional Funds	\$128.00	\$32.50	\$22.00	\$6.50	\$84.00	\$0.00	\$41.50
Used	\$69.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$91.33	\$0.00	\$0.00
Remaining Funds	\$815.14	\$311.00	\$214.00	\$216.50	\$297.17	\$185.50	\$267.00

Peninsula

APE Breakdown

2017 APE Income	Merch Sales	TOTAL	Notes
January		\$0.00	
February		\$0.00	
March		\$0.00	
April		\$0.00	
May		\$0.00	
June		\$0.00	
July		\$0.00	
August		\$0.00	
September		\$0.00	
October		\$0.00	
November		\$0.00	
December		\$0.00	
TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	

Net APE \$	(\$1,397.67)
APE Budget	\$8,000.00
B/(W)	\$6,602.33

2017 APE Expenses	USPS	Coin Design	SWAG	Insurance	Parking	State Parks	Misc.	TOTALS
January								\$0.00
February								\$0.00
March		\$350.00		\$458.40		\$525.00		\$1,333.40
April		\$35.00	\$29.27					\$64.27
May								\$0.00
June								\$0.00
July								\$0.00
August								\$0.00
September								\$0.00
October								\$0.00
November								\$0.00
December								\$0.00
TOTALS	\$0.00	\$385.00	\$29.27	\$458.40	\$0.00	\$525.00	\$0.00	\$1,397.67

Comments: None

Membership Report

Report by Broncos Fan 4 Life

Membership Summary – 2017

Updated: 5/1/17
Chapters

	Accounts				TOTALS	
	Individual	Family	Assoc-Individual	Assoc-Family	Accounts	Members
Puget Sound	52	45	1	0	98	175
48 North	15	8	1	0	24	39
Inland Empire	18	13	3	0	34	53
South Central	12	6	0	0	18	25
Olympic Peninsula	8	3	0	0	11	16
Southwest	3	2	1	0	6	11
Cache-Cadia	7	4	0	0	11	15
Unaffiliated	0	0	1	0	1	1
CURRENT TOTALS	115	81	7	0	203	335
	89	67	5	0	161	148
LAST REPORTED Net Gains	26	14	2	0	42	187

Comments: None

Ape Mega-Event

Report by AndrewRJ

Planning is ongoing with a large part of the club working together. As this will be the last time I plan on being the event director I am pleased to see so many people involved and reporting back to me. I know that the event has a fresh direction and is in good hands. The executive board, Nepokama, and Avroair have been planning this event primarily online.

. Highlights:

- **Numbers:** As of May 15 there are 315 will attend logs. This is about 100 will attends less than the same time in 2015 and 250 more than this time last year. Based on these numbers our preliminary estimates of up to 1500 attendees are possible, which is in line

with our 2014 numbers.

- **Ape Swag Bag:** This year we will have three levels of the swag bag. Contents have been decided and Copy for the website is being finalized. Presales should be up shortly! No Swag Bags will be sold at the event, only individual items.

- **Chimp Package \$30.00**** (Our cost ~\$21)

We've got your event SWAG covered. Get all the essentials for your day.

Chimp package contents:

Lunch cooler messenger bag, regular event coin, event t-shirt, APE flashlight, Event Passport, APE temporary tattoo, pen, a glow stick and snacks.

Silverback Premium Package \$45.00** (Our cost ~\$32)

Want something extra? The Silverback Premium package adds a pre-order exclusive premium version of the event geocoin, an APE trackable tag and a set of event pins to the Chimp package.

Silverback Premium package contents:

Lunch cooler messenger bag, *two* event coins (Regular and Premium), event t-shirt, APE flashlight, Event Passport, APE temporary tattoo, pen, APE trackable tag, 3-pack of event pins, a glow stick and snacks. That's three trackable items total!

Great APE VIP Package \$65.00** (Our cost ~\$52 limited to 100 sales)

Do you want to get it all? The Great APE package includes everything in the Silverback package and adds VIP pick-up (avoid the crowds!), an exclusive VIP version of the event geocoin available only in this package, plus a bonus WSGA trackable geocoin!

Great APE VIP package contents:

Lunch cooler messenger bag, *three* event coins (Regular, Premium and VIP), *trackable* event t-shirt, WSGA trackable geocoin, APE flashlight, Event Passport, APE temporary tattoo, pen, APE trackable tag, 3-pack of event pins, a glow stick and snacks. That's **six** trackable items total!

- **Event coin:** Design was completed by Chris Mackey and has been finalized. Colors and finishes have been chosen and we are working on tentative numbers.
- **Event shirt:** Same design the shirt. Shirt colors will be military green for attendees, and orange for volunteers.
- **Spot the APE:** We will be holding another Spot the Ape event. Award coins and tags design are nearly finalized.
- **Parking:** We anticipate another large event with the return of the Ape Cache. We will be continuing with the designed plan from last year with the addition of the upper ski lot as needed.
- **Crew chiefs:** We have all our area managers in place, and I will want to be holding a Crew Chiefs meeting in June. Tunnel Monitors – FenchurchE. Welcome – Frisky Biscuits (Christine). Swag Preorders – Lizzy. Swag Sales – FugeFinders. Refreshments – Peach&Pete. Lab caches – Mc3cats. Parking – Rambudo.

- **Welcome:** Frisky Biscuits (Christine) will be overseeing the welcome table (name tags, glow sticks temporary tattoos, maps, questions), the TB Depot, the WSGA table (club info, GeoTour info), and the creatures (Apezilla, et al).
- **Volunteers:** I will be sending out the recruiting calls for volunteers by the end of May. Several folks have already signed up proactively. Volunteers will receive a free tee shirt and if they work all day, a limited edition version of the event coin.
- **Lab caches:** We will be doing a series of these event caches, which are currently only available to mega-events. Mc3cats will be continuing to create them, in consultation with Groundspeak. Mc3cats has requested that any suggestion and most helpfully, ideas, be sent to him so that we can have new ideas.

Overall Costs: We are in line with our projected costs. The swag bags are a bit more expensive this year but we have upped the quality as well.

Comments: NepoKama reported that sales were opened at noon on 17 May 2017. In the hours since then we had 26 orders, with gross receipts (before processing fees) of \$2,738.50. The majority of packages purchased were the Great APE VIP tier (32 of the 100 available) and we had sold one Silverback level and five Chimp level as well.

There was discussion about whether refreshments should be offered at the event, beyond those included with the swag bags, with plans to have water available as well as the possibilities of lemonade and bananas.

Outreach

Report by Mc3cats

Recent Outreach Activities

None occurred since the last board meeting.

GPS Usage Report

No requests since the last board meeting.

Upcoming Outreach Requests

John Floberg, the Executive Director of the Washington State Parks Foundation, has reached out to the WSGA again this year, asking for our participation in the WSPF's "Get Outdoors Expo". This year they have changed things up quite a bit and are now calling the event the "Go Expo" event. This year, the event is on Saturday June 10th at Lake Sammamish State Park and runs from 10AM – 3:30PM. This is a big change as in previous years the event has been at Millersylvania State Park, south of Tumwater. The WSPF is pulling the stops out for this event. They will have live music with KEXP's John Richards who will be handling the music scene at the event, REI will have an outdoor school, there will be a beer garden, kayak tours, vendor

village and of course giveaways. This is a major honor for the parks foundation to ask the WSGA to have a booth at their event again this year. We have been there for them since the beginning of this event 5 years now. I am looking for a couple more volunteers (geocaching ambassadors) to help run our booth. This is your opportunity to convert some muggles into geocachers. I have requested and received a lab adventure credit from the good folks at geocaching HQ. This will be set up for the event for "muggles" to give geocaching a try. I am also considering having a geocaching event to get geocachers at the WSPF event so that more geocachers can get a taste of what goes on at the "go expo" event. If you are interested in volunteering for our booth, please let me know.

Comments: None

Parks Liaison

Report by PeachandPete

Park Liaison issues seem to be very low-key or have not been conveyed to me. No new appointments for any Park Liaison, or any issues in any areas that I am aware of.

Please let me know if you hear of any problems with any of the Parks as it relates to WSGA and geocaching, or if you have ideas for the Parks Liaison area of WSGA.

Social Media

Report by jtcoffee

Overview

- Facebook and Instagram have been the platform for a successful photo contest, highlighting
- WSGA was asked to be a part of a weekly Twitter chat (US Geocaching Hour) when the fate of the APE cache was revealed.
- Each platform features slightly different pictures/ideas to encourage our followers to engage in all of them
- If you participate in any of the follow social media platforms, please engage by following, liking, etc. Nothing draws a crowd like a crowd!

Facebook

- 65 new followers since 01/17
- Currently on a roughly once-weekly post schedule, but this is flexible.
- Facebook offers extensive analytics – excel sheet attached

Twitter

- 30 new followers since January

- Most popular tweets are connected to our facebook feed, posts of pictures with cachers, and posts during US Geocaching Hour.

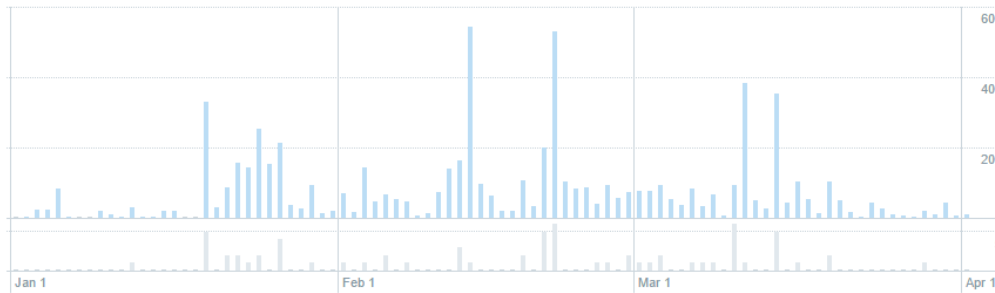


Tweet activity

Jan 1 – Apr 1, 2017 ▾

Export data

Your Tweets earned **6.8K impressions** over this **91 day** period



YOUR TWEETS
During this 91 day period, you earned **75 impressions** per day.

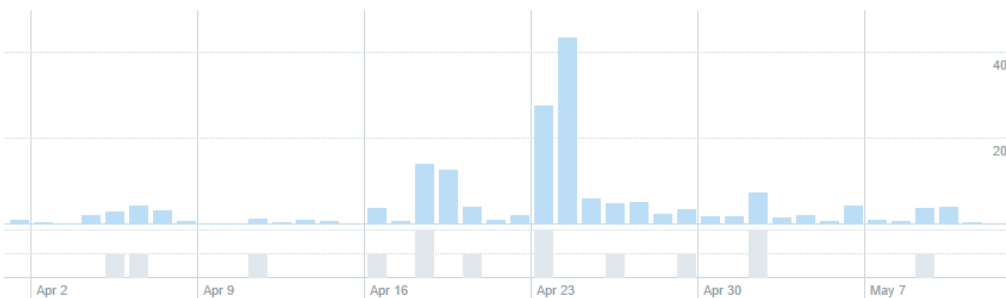


Tweet activity

Apr 1 – May 11, 2017 ▾

Export data

Your Tweets earned **1.8K impressions** over this **41 day** period



YOUR TWEETS
During this 41 day period, you earned **45 impressions** per day.

Instagram

- Doubled number of followers since January
- Most popular picture was about the APE cache, followed closely by a photo of a trackable.

Snapchat

- New! Just started last week.
- Hoping to build a base and have filters ready for the Going Ape event.

Comments: None

Summer Campout

Report by Princess Trouble

We have reserved Howard Miller Steelhead park for July 16 – 18. There is a small problem with the cache page. As soon as that is corrected it should be published.

Comments: None

Website Committee

Report by NepoKama

The switch to the new site will happen over the next couple weeks, with completion targeted for the end of the month. The email service will be changing first, those getting email forwarded should see no interruption. I will reach out to those who have mailboxes they need to connect to separately with update connection and webmail info. If you have a Facebook group for your chapter please send me the info on it so we can ensure it is linked on your chapter page.

The old site will remain accessible, but locked as read only. I expect we'll see some things we missed in the conversion, please let me know if you find anything. I will be making a full backup of the SQL database and we will keep the forums online read only for at least a while. We will also make document copies of important info and store them for the board.

Comments: None

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Level Revisions

Report by Broncos Fan 4 Life

The Membership Levels proposed would eliminate the Individual/Family memberships. There would now be two levels:

Basic -- \$15.00 annually. Includes one name tag and one member gift. Additional name tags available for 1.00 each.

Premium -- \$25.00 annually. Includes one name tag, one gift, one club coin and proxy. Additional name tags available for 1.00 each.

Starting 2019 (2018 if can be worked) game/passport for entire state that will include sites in all chapters.

Comments: A vote was called to approve the changes starting in 2018, which passed unanimously.

Tri-Cities CITO Funds Request

Mike Lowery (Tumbleweed Pirates) has request \$100 in funds to purchase food for a CITO that is held on the Sunday after the mega event Tri-Cities Geocoin Challenge.

Comments: A vote was called on the matter and approved with a vote of seven to one.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Cache-Cadia Chapter Report by Mr. Gadget #2

We had three events during the month of April.

4-13-17 Dönerstag Cache-cadian Style at Entitat Park 9 logged in;

4-13-17 Dönerstag Puka Style at Ephrata with 8 logged in;

4-22-17 CITO on 2017 Earth Day East Wenatchee Apple Loop Trail 8 logged in

Inland Empire Chapter Report by Martin 5

Past Chapter Events:

03/24/2017

The Trouble with Harry (Movie at the Cave)

GC6ZMH9

12 attended logs. (16 attendees by raffle ticket count)

04/01/2017

English Point Trail Maintenance CITO

GC71BDN

6 attended logs. (9 attendees)

04/13/2017

Dönerstag 2017

GC71BGE

23 attended logs. (38 attendees by raffle ticket count)

04/28/2017

Flodder in Amerika (Movie at the Cave)
GC71EPT
9 attended logs. (13 attendees by raffle ticket count)

04/29/2017
15th Annual Cache In Trash Out
GC71NQ4
26 attended logs. (Approximately 32 attendees)

Upcoming Chapter Events:

07/01/2017
~ Canada Day ~ Celebrating 150 Years
GC75EH8
Canada Island, Riverfront Park, Spokane

Upcoming Area Events:

05/17/2017
Caching tales from SE to NW
Spokane South Hill
GC74F6B by jmobr

05/20/2017
~The Fifth Edition~ (With D'Dawg & RMB)
City Park, Colville
GC70K9J by Grandkids Rock

06/03/2017
Paddle and Cache IV
Twin Lakes (outside of Harrington)
GC71DJ8 by the tc life

06/04/2017
Geogame Night
Cache Advance, Spokane Valley
GC757GJ by airrooster and CrazyFrogLady

06/10/2017
USA ID WWFM XIV: Snow angels on the beach at CdA
Coeur d'Alene, ID
GC7358A by GeoCrackers

06/16/2017
Meet the Californians in Sandpoint
Sandpoint, ID
GC74WAE by PapaKnight19

IE Chapter News:

For anyone still wanting to complete the Pend Oreille County GeoTour, there are only 5 coins remaining. <http://pendoreilleco.org/your-government/parks-and-recreation/pend-oreille-county-geochallenge/>

Cache Advance and Lookout Lisa are looking into creating a 2017 GeoTour in our area. No specific information on a theme has been released as it is still in the early planning stages and may not be as large as the previous two geo-tours. If anyone has any suggestions or would like to help with it, please contact Lookout Lisa directly.

We've been having fun with our monthly movie nights, with the last two movie nights being co-hosted by chapter members who recommended a movie. We may possibly look for an outdoor venue for the summer months or perhaps put the movie night to rest until fall. Time will tell.

As you can see from the "Upcoming Area Events" section of this report, we have a local event at the same date/time as our board meeting. We have a cacher visiting Spokane from Atlanta, Georgia, and I plan on attending the event to welcome him to our area. I will; however, do my best at attending the meeting still, via mobile device. Should I have any technical difficulties, I authorized Gene to be my proxy.

48 North Chapter Report by Rambudo

Past Chapter Events:

05/06/17

GC73HZ0 - WSGA-PS & 48North Spring Maintenance Wrap Up

10 attendees

Upcoming Area Events:

05/20/17

GC74Z8X - Overflow SWAG

Location: Lynden

Host: silverranger

06/03/17

GC71C1Q - Picnic Point Beach CITO

Location: Edmonds

Host: Johnny Cache 79

Report:

As a new chapter rep, things have been off to a slow start here. I did have some difficulty in acquiring the keys to the tools needed to do the job.

Earlier this month, I was happy to host my first event as 48 North Chapter rep alongside Puget

Sound Chapter. We encouraged people to spend the day doing maintenance on caches.

The Mt. Vernon geocoin challenge will not be returning this year. They are hopeful that it may return next year.

Olympic Peninsula Chapter Report by Gearguru

Not much has happened here in the OP last month.

We held a Donerstag event in Sequim with 23 attendees, GC71T2V. I am working on a Canada Day 2017 event for either 7/1 or 7/2 maybe even both in different areas of my chapter.

I have not been able to make contact with the outgoing chapter rep to obtain the OP chapter supplies.

Southwest Chapter Report by Geek&Gopher

New Business:

- Ray is continuing to work on the Website Committee.

WSGA Member suggestions:

- None at this time

Past Chapter Events

- 4/22/17 – Vancouver, WA **(Cancelled due to death in the family)**
2017 Lake Vancouver CITO (GC6ZB76)
Hosted by WSGA SW Chapter
Vancouver Lake Regional Park
6801 NW Lower River Rd
Vancouver, WA 98660
10AM – 12PM
- 5/6/17 – Vancouver, WA
Maintenance Madness 2017 – Kickoff Event (GC6ZPFE)
Hosted by WSGA SW Chapter
LeRoy Haagen Memorial Community Park
13198 NE 9th St
Vancouver, WA
9:00AM – 10:30AM
36 logged attended including family members

Upcoming Chapter Events

- 9/17/17 – Chinook, WA
Work Release CITO -- Cache Dash Splash III (GC73TQF)
Chinook County Park
11 Chinook Park Rd
Chinook, WA 98614
10:00AM – 11:00AM
- 11/4/17 – Vancouver, WA
Luke Jensen Sports Park in the Bud Van Cleve Community Room
4000 NE 78th Ave
Vancouver, WA 98665
1:00PM – 3:00PM
2017 GIFF Film Screening

Upcoming Area Events

- June 24, 2017
Tri-Cities 2017 Geocoin Challenge (GC6MGZP)
Sacajawea State Park
2503 Sacajawea Park Rd
Pasco, WA
8:00AM – 8:00PM

South Central Chapter by Tumbleweedpirates

We been making a mess of things with the recent Cave In that made world wide news and now the cleanup has displaced me throughout the site and my life is a mess. So I will do what I can and use the wrong verbiage for many things.

A. We hosted a German Thursday event where everyone got a souvenir. Many attended and it was a good event.

B) We set up an event for another souvenir opportunity, a CITO and many didn't attend as usual. Our spring CITO's are usually low in attendance. Yet one member noted why even have souvenirs anymore since you can't see them on your app anymore and the point was to show off to others on the phone app. That philosophy has hung in the air among newer cachers, why have them, they say.

C) I set up three events for June.

1- June 3rd outreach at Sacajawea Park on Free park day.

2- A kick off for 2017 Lab Caches and Poker run.

3- A post Tri-City Mega. CITO event the day after where we had 88 logs last year. I have sent a grant app for permission for 100 bucks to help feed this event. Not mentioned in app is the fact we have secured plenty of Starbucks coffee for this event all 3 years WSGA has hosted it.

Only 1 of the 3 events are posted yet.

3- Tri City Coin Event,

Go to Tricitygeocoin.com to make reservations and learn more about event and like our Facebook page for up to date information!

Things to look forward to:

GPX station-yes

Signal-yes

Pre-event event-yes

Lab and Poker runs-yes

Bonus cache-yes

New Power Trails-yes

That cool map we hand out-Oh yea!

So loads to do Thursday to Sunday in Tri-Cities make reservations soon!

Puget Sound Chapter Report by SirKarp

This has been a very busy month for the Puget Sound chapter, perhaps the busiest month that I have ever had as far as number of events.

Events Held:

The first two CITO events held by the chapter since 2011 were held during the month of April, thanks to a local WSGA member that stepped up to make these events happen.

The first one was on Snoqualmie Valley Trail in Carnation. GC738D7 the event was held on April 22nd. The second one was the following weekend on April 29th at the king county portion of the Flaming Geyser park. Both events started with picking up trash and finished with a potluck that included club supplied Hot Dogs and Hamburgers. Both events were very successful, I think we were able to provide cachers with another alternative CITO event as well as being able to serve the county.

Following that on Saturday May 6th we teamed up with the 48 North chapter for a spring maintenance event. We started out in the morning at Cold Creek Park GC73C6D with the Puget Sound chapter Hosting a breakfast in the park. We had pancakes, eggs, and sausage for folks to fuel up on before heading out into the world to find a few caches, perform some cache

maintenance and CITO along their way. We finished the day in Lynnwood at Wood fired Pizza GC73HZ0, with the 48 North chapter hosting. We had a small but really good group of cachers show up for the events and I really think it was quite successful.

Up and coming events:

The 2017 It's almost Summer Picnic will be held on Saturday June 3rd 2017, at Point Defiance Park in Tacoma, at the Fort Nisqually Picnic shelter. It's GC6XVB6. I believe that this is going to be one of the best summer picnics in quite sometime. There are so many things for folks to do in the park before and after the picnic. There's a quite a number of caches in the park, there is an off leash dog park plus the Zoo! Not to mention this is the furthest south that the summer picnic has been in a number of years, so it should serve those folks a little better. We have decided that the theme is going to mythological zoo this year and we are getting ready for that. As is normal for the picnic we will have a potluck with WSGA providing hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages. We'll hold raffle and we are currently working on another activity.

Because there are so many great events held in the Puget sound region and for that matter the state during the summer we aren't planning anything during that time, however I have done a lot of the foot work in locating a campground for the WSGA summer campout. As of the time I'm writing this it event hasn't published yet, but it is going to be at the Howard Miller Steelhead park in Rockport, Washington. Unfortunately because we were left scrambling to find a place that could accommodate a group it is going to be on July 16th, 17th, and 18th, which is a Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. We literally checked online or called every park in the 48 north chapter I could find. I even tried to find something in the Puget Sound region but there was just nothing left. It came down to those dates or nothing at all. At this point we need to find volin folks to help out during the event. We will need someone to run check in, and we will need a few folks to cook during for the Sunday night meal. If you know someone that would like to help out, and especially if you know someone that wants to lead the event please put them in contact with Princess Trouble.

It's way too early to publish but the next Nightmare in Preston Halloween event planning is well under way. For the first time ever we are going to repeat last year's theme, of carnevil which I am really looking forward to as this means we get to refine it and improve it. It will be on October 28th and as with previous year the hall is going to let us have the day before and after for setup and tear down. We are also planning another NIP, cache series for this year as it was so popular last year.

Meeting was adjourned by Princess Trouble at 8:03pm