

CHUCKANUT NEWS

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General Meeting Wednesday, April 6th, 7:30 PM Chuckanut Fire Hall

Don't Miss It!

An Evening with Recreational Experts Paul Haskins and Steve Roguski

Don't pass up your chance to hear Paul Haskins and Steve Roguski discuss all the summer's recreational activities along Chuckanut and beyond. Paul is the editor of Adventure NW magazine, and we will be reviewing the calendar of all spring and summer activities, including biking, kayaking and more. Steve Roguski is the founder and owner of the esteemed Fairhaven Runners and Walkers, and he will give us a run-down of the best trails in the area, including the best running, hiking and gear tips. They'll also hang around and answer any questions. This is a great time to start planning your summer activities, so come on by and join us.

Happy trails!



President's Message

At the March Board meeting, we voted to subsidize the cost of attendance at the annual Volunteer Firefighters Recognition Banquet for the spouse or guest of each of the firefighters who live close to, and focus on, the Chuckanut Community. These would include Steve Mitchell, Nick Ackerman, Ryan Hull and Vicki Hsueh. This is a continuation of our organization's practice in previous years. According to Chief Ralston, as a benefit, it is greatly appreciated by the firefighters.

The Pod system of community interconnection continues to build, brick-by-brick, thanks to the good work of Ken Kaliher and those individuals who have volunteered to serve as Pod Captains. By my count, there are now 21 Captains covering approximately 165 households. More to come.

An emerging issue for the Chuckanut Community is the proposed Cherry Point Coal Terminal, which will significantly increase train traffic through our neighborhood. Those in favor cite the County's need for jobs and economic activity, while those opposed point to environmental and life-style concerns. Delight Green and Chris Donaldson have been working to schedule an informational presentation by those representing both sides of the issue at one of our upcoming Membership meetings, possibly July. Stay tuned.

The recent tragic events in Japan, resulting from unpredictable geological activity, should remind us of the emergency preparedness issues which we have discussed in the past. It would not take an earthquake nearly as great as magnitude 9.0 to cause significant disruption in our neighborhood. Backup communication systems, reasonable stockpiles of food, water and other emergency supplies, along with "what-if" planning within households and among neighbors – all these might seem more relevant in the wake of the Japanese experience.

Please feel free to contact me personally regarding any comments, questions or suggestions you may have in regard to these and other community matters.

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From your Editor
 Just a reminder, **it is not too late to pay your dues.** As of March 18 there are 118 paid households out of approximately 360. If you have misplaced the envelope, just send your check to the return address on the last page. It is \$12 for an individual, and \$24 for family.
 Now let's go enjoy the nice spring weather, that is here at last, and here to stay. We can hope.
 Georgia Heald

Firefighters Update from the January General Meeting

Lynn Trzynka, our elected Fire Commissioner to the South Whatcom Regional Fire Authority (SWFA) announced that the goals for the first two years of the merger have been completed.

Response is good in all areas, 24 hours a day. The new software is in, the audits are complete with no problems, all firefighters now get the same training, volunteers are paid for shift work, and five career firefighters have been added to the existing staff which include a career fire Chief, Assistant Chief, and a fulltime firefighter mechanic.

Because we are a larger organization now, we are more competitive when applying for grants and recently received a training grant which enhances synchronized training within the stations. The SWFA just completed the purchase of a house on Samish Way that is being brought up to standards for a fire station, which will house 4 firefighters and bring response closer to Chuckanut. This at a cost of \$500,000, much, much less than building a new fire hall. Lynn was very pleased with the work of the consolidation group.

Regional Chief Dave Ralston was equally proud of the accomplishments of the merger. He felt we were lucky to get it done before the economic crash and said that many districts in the United States were struggling. Consolidating down to 16 fire districts in the county rather than 20 is a move in the right direction.

When the City of Bellingham discontinued water and high angle rescue, the SWFA was able to pick up this service and have hired a ½ time person to provide the necessary training.

Despite an inadequate septic system, we are allowed to house 2 firefighters in our firehall. Because of this, it was decided to fix the moldy roof. Half the mold was removed last year, and a new roof installed, and the last half next year will be finished this year. This is a \$60,000 job.

He mentioned that even though our houses here have recently lost value, the SWFA will still collect the same amount of money. The rate that it collects the money will be \$1.39 cents per \$1,000 appraised value rather than the \$1.28. The property taxes for the entire SWFA are \$2,310,532 for 2011.

Chuckanut had a total of 41 response calls in the last year. Of these 20 were Emergency Medical Service. There was a brush fire and an electrical fire and 6 automatic fire alarm responses. If you are interested in the others, call Lynn at 715-8038 and she will mail you the complete breakdown.

We then discussed the possible termination of the city/county Whatcom Medic One Paramedic service plan. Chief Ralston helped design this 6 year plan in 2005 and feels that it has accomplished the goals they set and now it is time to re-negotiate another 6 year plan. He assured us that we will have access to Paramedic services even if the current arrangement is terminated. He also is hoping that he can get automatic aid for us from Fairhaven Station number 2. Now, only a request can summon mutual aid. When, before the consolidation, we requested fire service from the city, the cost would have been nearly twice what District 6 brought in each tax year, which is why we rejected that idea in favor of the current coalition.

CBCA Secretary, Ann Jones-Richardson.

History by Lynnette Berry

The Chuckanut Shell

In 1948 Chuckanut Drive lost a landmark, the “Chuckanut Shell”, to fire. “The “Shell” served as a haven to relax and escape for a moment the problems of the nation caught up in Depression and War. Destruction of the landmark signaled the end of an era. Only memories are eternal.”(Francis Judd)

The photos shown are of the “Chuckanut Shell” also known as the “Dine and Dance”, a prominent landmark located just south of Teddy Bear Cove. There were actually two “Chucknut Shell’s”, both run by Adelaide Knauf, the first located on the south end of Chuckanut where the current Chuckanut Manor is located. Adelaide was forced to shut down this location because she was taking in too much money, so she relocated to the northern site just south of Teddy Bear Cove (which is what this article will be of focus). To give us perspective, Adelaide was born in Vienna, Austria in 1885 and came to America at age 17. I couldn’t find any records of when the “Chuckanut Shell’s” northern location was originally opened by Adelaide, but it must have been in the mid 1920’s because there are records dated in 1928 of the Chuckanut Yacht Club holding events there. From the photos, it looks like it could bring in some pretty big crowds and from Adelaide’s hard-working attitude, it could hold them, as well. The following story is shared from Francis Judd who wrote for the Chuckanut Newsletter for many years. This gives us an idea of the socializing that used to be a part of Chuckanut Drive when the “Shell” was around.

Chuckanut Newsletter, August 1996

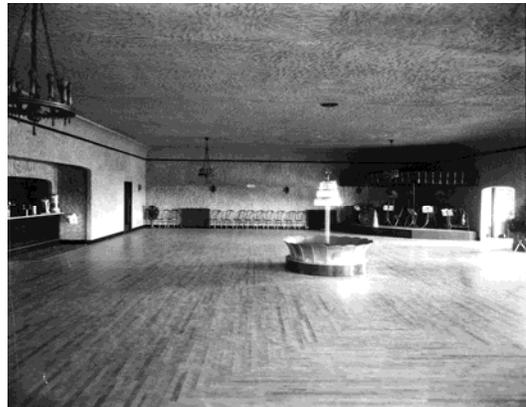
“What do the following have in common? Inspiration Point, a five passenger Chevrolet, and Chuckanut Bay’s Dine and Dance?”

Please continue: It is October, 1945; the world is finally at peace and I have ten days ashore to get reacquainted with my parents and old friends. I borrowed the family auto for a Saturday night on the town, and returning home late, I witnessed a scene of chaos at the Point. People were standing shoulder to shoulder, peering and pointing over the low stone barrier. Women in dresses and dancing shoes, men in suits and ties, and it was apparent that all had enjoyed an evening of post war gaiety at the “Chuckanut Shell”. I threaded the Willys Americar through the human traffic and parked at the roadside. Several gentlemen were in the process of shedding their coats and ties, and would soon be working their way down the near vertical slope. At a distance of one hundred feet or more, the outline of a small car was barely visible in the diffused light. There were no engine sounds, and the glow from the head lamps in the surrounding brush gave the scene an eerie and ominous appearance. With the limited light, there was no sign of movement in or near the vehicle. It would be next to impossible for the rescuers to regain the high ground without some manner of assist, and eager to help out, I dashed home and gathered up all the rope I could find. Upon returning, more folks had congregated, the hillside was now swarming with humanity, and the mood had gone from one of disaster to a near party atmosphere.

History (continued)

It seems that Henry Overhill (not his real name) had departed the “Shell” with a party of five, lost control of the Chevy just short of the curve, hit the bank on the right hand side, bounced across the road and over the wall. Knowing it was still some distance to the railroad track, the occupants were reluctant to move for fear of setting the car in motion again. Those first on the scene deemed it stable in its rested position, and the five, tightly packed, were removed with only minor bumps and bruises. Men and women alike, by pulling hand over hand, raised the twenty or more people back to the high road. A bottle of 80 proof was passed around to ward off the chill, and Hank and his friends were delivered to their respective homes. I collected my line, thanked the gods who watch over careless drivers, and called it a night.

I returned to the Point the following morning to make notes before the wrecker arrived and found two wallets and seven neckties. I returned the wallets and kept the ties. You just never know when those double Windsors might be in fashion again. Any questions?”-Francis Judd



Photos courtesy of Jeff Jewel, Whatcom County Museum Archives

The next article will be about cougars in the Chuckanut area. Please forward any photos or information you have about sightings to Lynnette_berry@hotmail.com

Larrabee State Park

Changing Staff

Please join me in congratulating our long time manager Scott Chalfant in his recent decision to retire. Ranger Chalfant has served Washington State with 35 years of service and 21 years at Larrabee State Park! We wish him the best in retirement and thank him for his service. Along with Ranger Chalfant's retirement we want to welcome our new manager Paul McEvers. Ranger McEvers managed Wenberg State Park before it was transferred then was stationed at Cama Beach State Park for the past two years. Ranger McEvers will join us at Larrabee April 1st, 2011. Please join us in welcoming him to our community.

Along with Ranger McEvers as our new manager, other permanent employees include Construction and Maintenance Specialist Brian Martin, Park Rangers Amber R. Forest and Alex Moularas.

Park News

You may have heard about the recent budget crisis in state government and recently the news on State Parks. You can get the most recent updates and news releases by going to www.parks.wa.gov. Right now some of the main topics are agency consolidation and the license tab Discovery pass program. Both topics are in the legislative process right now and are important factors in keeping parks open and operational.

Upcoming Events

50 K race - March 19th, 2011

Chuckanut Foot Race - July 9th, 2011

Trail Use and Dogs

Please stay on trail and follow the *leave no trace* and *tread lightly* policies. We have trail maps at various locations in the park. Please only use the trails on the map. Having users make their own trails or using popular social trails kills native plants, disturbs nesting wildlife, creates a spider web trail system and causes erosion. Larrabee gets between 750,000 to a million visitors a year. Please be careful how you use the park and be an example for the rest. It will take all of us to keep this place looking good and in pristine condition.

Larrabee State Park is going to continue special emphasis on dogs off leash this spring and summer. Dogs off leash are illegal in any Washington State Park and are a danger to native plants, wild life, other dogs and people. Many park visitors are frightened of dogs as well.

WAC 352-32-060 states that all dogs must be on leash at all times and under physical control with a leash no longer than 8 feet long. The park rangers are doing educational contacts and going to give out warnings to dog off leash offenses. An \$87 dollar citation can be issued at any time. If you have any questions or concerns about the dogs off leash law please feel free to give us a call anytime. Thanks for your cooperation.

Volunteering

Earth Day – April 23rd, 9 am – 2pm. North Sound Conservatory is hosting the event. Come and volunteer for the day. Projects include pulling invasive species and winter cleanup. You can bring water, snacks, gloves, and extra yard tools. Be prepared for outdoor work.

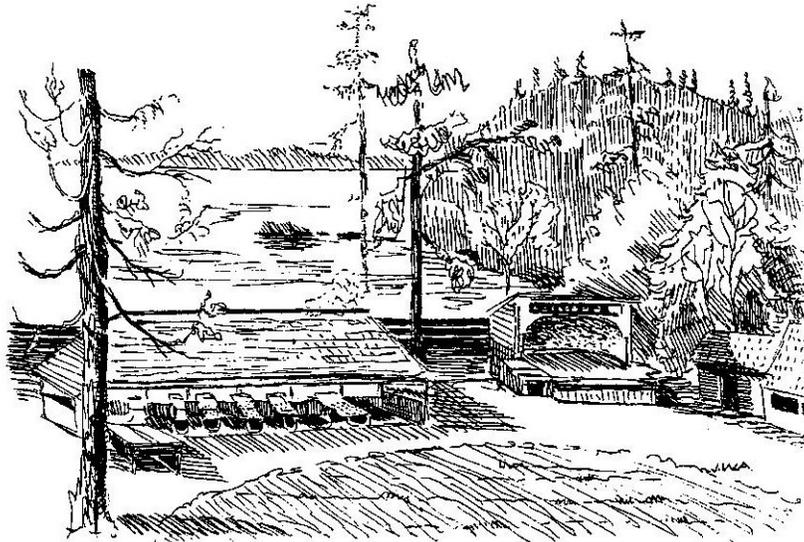
If you would like to volunteer during other times of the year please contact our volunteer coordinator Ranger Alex Moularas at 676-2093.

Larrabee (continued)

Camping

Spring and summer are fast approaching and the park will get busy again in the day use and campground. If you would like to camp at Larrabee it is suggested to call the reservation call center at 1-888-CAMPOUT. Recent improvements to the campground include updated electrical, sewer connections and paved pull through sites. The park is open for camping year round and will be reservation only after May 15th. If you need Afurther information about the park please feel free to give us a call anytime at 360-676-2093 or check us out on the web at www.parks.wa.gov

Larrabee Staff



The picnic area and band shell at Larrabee Park

This drawing is from our publication
Chuckanut Memories
The books will be on sale at the General Meeting

Neighborhood Pod Captains

Chuckanut Bay Community Association -- Neighborhood Pod Captains/Co-Captains

Volunteer Captain	Address	Phone	
Carin Gurliaccio	289 Beacon Road	733-3870	
-- All on Beacon Rd, Cove Rd E of RR tracks (10)			
Marsha Riek	297 Beacon Road	733-8277	
-- Working together with Carin Gurliaccio above			
Susan Gelhar	655 Chuckanut Drive	752-0177	
Kathy Lorson Howell	1096 Chuckanut Drive	736-0416	
-- 938-1054 Chuckanut Drive (18, even #s only)			
Will Cady	1105 Chuckanut Drive	756-0511	
-- 933-1127 Chuckanut Drive (18, odd #s only)			
Ken Kaliher (Klipsun)	1207 Chuckanut Drive	734-2096	
-- 1177-1247 Chuckanut Drive (9; odd #s only)			
Dale Anderson & Joanie Greenberg	1317 Chuckanut Drive	592-0223	
DL (Pat) & Mary Patterson	1329 Chuckanut Drive	922-0049	
B.K. Smith-- All on Chuckanut Crest Lane (5)	1234 Chuckanut Crest Lane	676-1955	
Diane Smith-- All on Brighton Crest Dr. & Lane (18)	1234 Chuckanut Crest Lane	676-1955	
Gale Gropp	745 Chuckanut Shore Road	733-3991	
Richard Tucker	919 Chuckanut Shore Road	734-8815	
Liz Wright	280 Chuckanut Point Road	671-5518	
Ethelyn Payne	345 Cove Road	734-4972	
-- 340-373 Cove Road, west of RR tracks (7)			
Emily Larson-Rutter--All on Dolphin Pl & E.Dol (13)	503 E. Dolphin Place	6471343	
Susan Brown	185 Hiline Road	650-9511	
Carletta Vanderbilt	915 Hiline Road	676-6044	
Laura Leigh Brakke-- All on Pleasant Bay Rd. (11)	585 Pleasant Bay Road	734-3771	
Julie Carpenter--All on Soundview Road (10)	101 Soundview Road	647-1215	
Chris Donaldson -- All on Whitecap Road (22)	567 Whitecap Road	676-8955	
Ralph & Joyce Gardner	524 Whitecap Road	738-4054	
-- Backing up Chris Donaldson on Whitecap			

Pod Captain candidates are particularly needed on Chuckanut Crest Drive, and along Chuckanut Drive south of the low 900s.

If you have not received the new Directory for the Chuckanut Bay Community, Please contact your Pod Captain. If you live in an area that is not currently covered by a Pod Captain, please consider volunteering to distribute the Directories to your neighbors by calling Ken Kaliher at 734-2096. The Directories will also be available at the General Meeting on April 6.

CBCA

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**On-Going Fund Raisers:
Call the Pattersons 922-0049**

Books

Chuckanut Chronicles
Chuckanut Memories
\$12 each
Historic Chuckanut Cook Book
\$3 each

Note Cards

Chuckanut Memories
Chuckanut Island
Six for \$5

Reflective ID Driveway Posts

Available at \$25 each. These will easily identify your house in an emergency.

CBCA Mission

The Association shall be maintained by the members as an administrative, fundraising, and social organization devoted to the safety and welfare of the Chuckanut community.

Bulletin Board

Any Kids in the Neighborhood?

I am the mom of a 4 year old boy and would like to see if there are other families in our neighborhood with preschool aged kids (or grandkids) who might like to get together for occasional play times. Larrabee State Park has a nice playground and would make a good meeting place. If anyone is interested in getting together, please call Tina Martin at 961-0692

Pet Sitters Available

Two responsible, animal-loving Chuckanut kids would like to help you and your pets. Evan and Hadley Frazier are experienced animal care-takers, and are available days and evenings to feed, walk, play, and give general care to your pets. Adult-supervised. References available. Phone: 733-4470

If you are looking for someone to provide a service or if you have a service you would like to offer community members like pet sitting, baby sitting, house sitting, lawn or yard care please provide the information to chuckanutnews@yahoo.com with "Bulletin Board" in the subject box.

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CBCA Important Dates:

- Wednesday, April 6: General Meeting 7:30pm, Fire Hall
- 2nd Wednesday of each month: Fire Commissioners meeting, 3-5 pm, Geneva Fire Hall, public welcome
- Wednesday, May 4: CBCA Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Fire Hall
- Wednesday, June 1: CBCA Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Fire Hall
- Friday, June 10: Deadline for newsletter articles for the July issue

Please send all news, announcements, articles, photos, story ideas, artwork, or letters to:
chuckanutnews@yahoo.com or call Georgia Heald, Editor, 733-9358