



WENATCHEE SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING, 12-20-16, 180 ROCK IS. RD, E. WENTACHEE, WA 98802

2017 GAME FEED: The 2017 Game Feed Banquet is not far off. It will be on February 18th, 2017, doors will open at 4:30 PM for admission to the Game Feed. Each person must have a membership/banquet ticket to be admitted. Online orders will pick up their tickets at the venue in a special line. The number of tickets are being reduced for 2017, due to the size of the venue, so get your tickets early. Game Feed tickets are on sale at Sportsman's Warehouse, Hooked on Toys, www.wsassoc.org, or Don Millar (509-885-7969). Anyone wanting to reserve a room at the Red Lion Inn for the night or weekend, can call 1-509-663-0711. The Red Lion Inn has graciously given the WSA a special room rate of \$119.00 just for our event. **All reservations must be made before January 28th, 2017.** We are looking forward to a wonderful event and all the accommodations being provided by the Red Lion Inn. We are always looking for help with different functions at the Game Feed. Contact Gene Robards at 509-662-6277 to volunteer. WSA is also looking for donations for the Game Feed. Do you have an artistic or creative talent? We would really like to have your donation to add to the items we will be having for raffles or auctions. Contact Gene Robards (509-662-6277) to get a donation slip.

WDFW: The WSA would like to thank Dave Volsen, Joe Bridges, and Will Smith for taking time to come the November meeting and sharing with our members. A big welcome to Will Smith, WDFW Enforcement Officer, to the greater Wenatchee Valley. I had the privilege of meeting Officer Smith and his wife the next day and getting to know them a little better. He will be a great asset to the WDFW staff and all outdoors-persons. For those that do not get into the shopping frenzy of Black Friday, many East-side lakes will be open to fishing for specially stocked fish. Go to <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/regulations/> to locate a lake that will be open November 25, 2016 through March 31, 2017. "Skip the lines and go fishing instead." Wildlife Managers are asking anyone spending time in the Cascade Mountains to be on the lookout for any elk that appear to be limping. Please report your sightings to Brook George (369-907-6763). The fall/winter steelhead run is only 33 percent of a 10-year average of counts at Priest Rapids Dam. The fish are being allowed to return to their spawning grounds with hopes of having enough for escapement goals. Hunters are encouraged to report on their big game harvest as soon as possible or before January 31, 2017. Reports turned in before January 10, 2017 will be put into a special incentive permit drawing.

97-A FENCE: Last year there were major changes to the section of fence that was continually being torn down by rock slides. The newly developed section allows rocks to pass under the fence but stays up for animal containment off of Highway 97-A. This has reduced the mortality of animals and drivers alike by over 80%, and saved on motor vehicle repairs and highway expenses. The WSA has made a commitment to financially help each year for repairs to the fence. There are already several new areas that need repair. If you, or anyone you know, can donate funds to help with repairs, please contact Don Millar at (509-885-7969).

WORK PARTIES: The work parties have completed several projects this year and will not plan any more functions for 2016. Look for work parties to start again in the Spring of 2017. To get on a list to help rebuild guzzlers, feeders and other outings, contact Bill Stegeman at (508-393-9528).

WEBSITE: We are training a few members to be able to help monitor and update the website on a regular basis. Keep an eye on the changes as we get more people involved. Be sure to purchase your Game Feed tickets online through our website. Just go to www.wsassoc.org, then click on "about us", go down to "store/ purchase history". Create an account for yourself then login to get to the Game Feed ticket sales.

FACEBOOK: Our monthly photo contest seems to be a big hit and is getting some great photos for all to see. If you have a photo to submit and need some help, contact Adam Neff at (509-699-8427). For those versed in the use of Facebook, let's see those photos.

NATIONAL HUNTING & FISHING DAY: The general membership has chosen to move forward with research to do an annual event similar to this year's National Hunting & fishing Day. Please submit your comments and ideas to Keith Boyd (509-679-5035). We will need to have several people involved in this project to make it viable and efficient.

USFS: The Forest Service would like to remind visitors to be prepared for sudden changes in the winter weather. Always let someone know your plans for excursions with specific details about where and when you will be going and coming back. Several roads have been closed due to the extreme wet conditions. There is an interactive map at usfs.maps.arcgis.com to review closure areas. You can also visit any Forest Service Office to ask about conditions.

DRY LAKE: The WSA has been approached by the WDFW for our help in funding access to Dry Lake in the Manson area. We are hoping to schedule a work party to clear and clean a parking area and a trail to the lake. This will make it possible for others to utilize another one of the great public resources available to us. A kiosk will be placed at the trail head with the names of the different organizations that helped.

COMMITTEE HEADS: We will be going back to having Committee Heads for the various functions of the WSA. This will mean a greater opportunity for our members to be involved in helping improve wildlife, habitat and preservation of the lands for all to enjoy. Join us at the next general meeting to offer your capabilities and be someone who can make a difference in our area.

WSA TRAILER: A proposal to review the concept of a vendor-type trailer which would be equipped with the resources needed to pull it to a function, open it up and serve the purposes of that particular event. This is just in the planning phase, and could save a great deal of volunteer time and effort. Help us put together our perfect concept trailer at the next meeting.

SPORTSMAN'S WAREHOUSE: WSA was represented by two members this year at the annual chili cook-off at Sportsman's Warehouse. The event was held on November 19th inside the store. There were many more people than last year who got to taste five different chili recipes available this year. Dan Dickerson and Adam Neff both had chili entries; Adam received the runner up prize and Dan got first place this year with a three meat and bean chili.

WENATCHEE VALLEY SPORTSMAN'S SHOW: The Sportsman's Show will be returning to the Wenatchee Valley on February 24-26, 2017. WSA is planning to have a booth at the show and will need people to man the booth.

PRESENTATION: This month we will hear from the WDFW Enforcement Officers and what they are facing and dealing with in our area. This is great opportunity to talk to them one on one.

See you at the meeting!

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Dickerson