

# Green River Current

The Green River Newsletter

June 2003 Edition

“Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.”  
Theodore Roosevelt

## **Ice Cream Social & Award and Recognition Event at July Round Table (7/10/2003) 7:00 p.m.**

The Award and Recognition Event in July will be an Ice Cream Buffet. It will start at 7:00pm on July 10, 2003. Tickets will be on sale, for only \$2.00 per person or \$8.00 per family, starting **TONIGHT** at round table. We will need some volunteers to help serve. Please mark your calendars to come and join us in celebration as we recognize the efforts of volunteers in our district.

Location: St Stephen The Martyr church, 13055 SE 192nd St, Renton.

### **Recognition!**

The purposes of District awards are to recognize the support that our adult volunteers provide to their units. Take this opportunity to recognize the adult volunteers in your unit that make it successful. A wide range of recognition is available from the district. All units are encouraged to submit at least one Extra Miler nomination. Please contact Gary Twite for information on specific awards or to turn in your Nominations.

### **Would You Like to Help?**

We are looking for volunteers & ideals for decorating. Please contact Arthur Pinkers if you are willing to help. A planning meeting will be held very soon.

### **Tickets**

Tickets will be collected at the event and placed into a drawing for door prizes. Don't forget your tickets!

**June Membership Inventory**  
The Green River District is conducting its annual membership data check this month. Please submit a copy of your roster to District Executive Jason MacPherson at [jmacpherson@seattlebsa.org](mailto:jmacpherson@seattlebsa.org) by June 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you! Jason



Do you know who your Unit Commissioner is? If not give Dave Nelson a call at 206-772-1866 to find out.

The Green River District Spring Camporee was held May 30 and 31 and ended June 1st. If you didn't attend; you missed a wonderful time at a quality event. The 469 campers included scouts and adults had a truly fun time in Enumclaw. Saturday morning games provided a fast moving program for Patrol participation. Saturday afternoon events featured several demonstration events. Puget Sound Leather Crafters Guild member Jeff Bement shared some of the secrets in the art of leather craft. The Boeing Employees Amateur Radio Society (BEARS) set up a radio station up and were doing some communication in the ham bands, as well as answering questions about their hobby and explain the functions of parts you could see around a ham station. The Cascade Mountain Men had a very well attended knife and hawk throwing range set up where these fun skills were properly taught and enjoyed by youth and adult alike. The King County K-9 units brought several search dogs and showed how they were trained. Several willing scouts were "victims" that hid and the dogs found them while showing the crowds how they communicated with their handler. King County ESAR unit brought their field communication and control van and answered questions about their search operations and their training. The Washington Department of Natural Resources brought a fire truck to show, as well as holding a fire safety discussion for scouts. A nearby fire hydrant was used with their foam generator and a huge slip-and-slide was created on a hot afternoon. All had much enjoyment! The Dutch Oven cooking contest (known this year as the Iron Chef) gave away 4 cast Iron Dutch Ovens as prizes on Saturday afternoon. All the judges were appearing well-fed afterward.

Many thanks to all who attended this annual event. Thanks too to one of the finest youth staffs I have ever been privileged to work with on an event. I have much gratitude for the tireless work of the adult scouter staff who worked behind the scenes to assure the success of this event.

Paul Feider



## **District Nominating Team**

The District Nominating team gave their report at the Annual District Business Meeting June 5, 2003. Chairman Paul Feider led discussion at the meeting and the first order of business was to accept the Members at Large with 4 minor additions. The second order of business was the acceptance vote for the proposed District Chair and Vice-Chair. The proposed Chairman was Bill Wescott with John Staneff being proposed as Vice-Chair. Their acceptance vote was unanimous. Dave Nelson is the name to be sent in from Green River District as our proposed Commissioner. The Council Commissioner will confirm the Commissioner in appointment in the near future.

Submitted by Paul Feider 425.226.3156



## **Boy Scout Leader Training**

### **ESSENTIALS Training**

Sep. 11, Oct. 9, & Dec. 6

### **Scoutmaster & Asst. Scoutmaster Training**

April 12 & Nov 15

### **Adult Leader Outdoor Skills Training**

Mar. 22, 28 & 29

Oct. 11, 17 & 18

Please check the web-site for times and places.  
Contact Bob Czaplinski at (253) 631-4419 for registration and information.

## **Cub Scout Leader Training**

These are training opportunities that give you the skills to be a successful (and stress-free) Cub Scout Leader! Contact **Ron Hiatt** at (425) 277-6919 for registration and information.

## **Kent Cornucopia Days and Renton River Days Parades**

Please go to the following two web sites to download the parade applications for these two festivals. Each year we have a great turnout. And Kent Cornucopia Days Parade will be broadcast live on two TV stations. So let's show the flag! We encourage an entire unit to be an entry, but would also like to have two scouts from each unit show up with the American flag and unit flag to march in one large group. Please help us showcase scouting!

**Kent Cornucopia Days** – parade is on July 13th  
[www.kcdays.com](http://www.kcdays.com) (go to the general information tab)

**Renton River Days** – parade is on July 26th  
[www.ci.renton.wa.us/rrd/download.htm](http://www.ci.renton.wa.us/rrd/download.htm)

Our OA chapter is also setting up a encampment and Scout display at Kent Cornucopia Days. Contact Paul Edwards, Steve Dearing, or William Westcott for info.

Contact Bill Westcott for more information.

## **Order of the Arrow (OA)**

The Hyas Eena chapter had a very successful Camporee. On Friday evening we held a Brotherhood ceremony. There we 8 arrowman who sealed their membership in the OA. This was a special ceremony put on by the OA Lodge team that included the Lodge Chief, Bobby Pepka as one of the participants of the ceremony team.

On Saturday the chapter held a meeting to elect new officers. About 20 members attended and elected Shawn Martin from Troop 407 as the new Chapter Chief for the coming year. Also elected were Cody Thompson for ceremonies, Parker Thompson for activities, Bobby Kesterson and Chris Westcott will share induction duties. For the first time in many years Brian Bender has been selected to serve in the role of administration. Congratulations to all of the new OA youth leaders!

Upcoming Ordeal Dates:

June 13-14 Camp Brinkley

September 12-14 Camp Sheppard

## **Commissioner College**

This year will bring a new exciting feature – the first annual President's Conference. The conference is aimed at the members of the District Committee with emphasis on specific areas such as membership, advancement, training, finance, & etc., and will give them a chance to meet with the Council Committees and Executive board to discuss present features and future plans. However, the college is open to more than just commissioners and District committee members. Anyone who wants to learn more about Scouting and would like an opportunity to meet other Scouters from across the Council and beyond are invited. You are guaranteed to have a great and rewarding time.

## Round Shoe Laces

- Staneff/Pinkers/Czaplinski
- To the tune of "Pink Shoe Laces"

Now we've got a scouter and his name is Kent  
He carries a full load under a portable tent  
He's not good looking, heaven knows  
But we're wild about the way his scouting shows

He wears blue boots with round shoe laces  
Three beads 'round his neck and man, oh man  
Blue boots with round shoe laces  
And a big Smokey cap with a leather hat band

ooh-ooh, ooh, ooh  
ooh-ooh, ooh, ooh

He takes his troop up Mt. Rainier  
Just like he's a real pioneer  
He writes a column for the local Totem  
And every month we all quote him!

He wears blue boots with round shoe laces  
Three beads 'round his neck and man, oh man  
Blue boots with round shoe laces  
And a big Smokey cap with a leather hat band

Now Kent set out on a real challenge  
To raise a flagpole that wouldn't hinge  
But each time he tied a lashing  
All the others went slap-dashing

He wears blue boots with round shoe laces  
Three beads 'round his neck and man, oh man  
Blue boots with round shoe laces  
And a big Smokey cap with a leather hat band

ooh-ooh, ooh, ooh  
ooh-ooh, ooh, ooh

The lesson learned is rather fine  
Don't go tying poles without good twine  
Be sure it's not nylon rope  
That you trust to float your boat!

He wears blue boots with round shoe laces  
Three beads 'round his neck and man, oh man  
Blue boots with round shoe laces  
And a big Smokey cap with a leather hat band

ooh-ooh, ooh, ooh

ooh-ooh, ooh, ooh  
ooh-ooh, ooh, ooh

And a big Smokey cap with a leather hat band

---

Photo: "Kent Brooten Lashes Out at the Spring Camporee!"

When he was done, Kent was reputed to have said, "I should have known better than to try and tie that lashing with round rope. I've always said flat shoe laces work best, and I guess that's equally true for rope."



## Open District Positions

*"Anything that is done to increase the effectiveness of the Boy Scouts of America will be a genuine contribution to the welfare of the Nation."  
Woodrow Wilson*

- FOS Family Chair
- Recruitment Night Chair
- Program Chair
- Activities Chair
- Klondike Derby Chair
- Tiger Cub Activity Day Chair
- Newcastle Liaison

We also need help with the following:

Training  
Unit & membership recruitment  
Friends of Scouting Zone Chairs  
Eagle Board of Review Chairs  
OA adult leaders  
Gear Day(s) coordination

Contact Bill Westcott for more information.

### **Kent Cornucopia Days and Renton River Days Parades**

Please go to the following two web sites to download the parade applications for these two festivals. Each year we have a great turnout. And Kent Cornucopia Days Parade will be broadcast live on two TV stations. So let's show the flag! We encourage an entire unit to be an entry, but would also like to have two scouts from each unit show up with the American flag and unit flag to march in one large group. Please help us showcase scouting!

**Kent Cornucopia Days** – parade is on July 13th  
[www.kcdays.com](http://www.kcdays.com) (go to the general information tab)

**Renton River Days** – parade is on July 26th  
[www.ci.renton.wa.us/rrd/download.htm](http://www.ci.renton.wa.us/rrd/download.htm)

**The OA encampment and display at Kent Cornucopia Days has been canceled due to lack of sign ups!**

Contact Bill Westcott for more information.

Visit us on the Web @ [www.seattlebsa.org](http://www.seattlebsa.org)

**For more information on events, check the newsletter or our website.**

Any questions or comments regarding the Green River Current should be directed to:

Public Relations Chair: Cecil Stellyes

We would like to provide this newsletter in an electronic format, let us know your email address so that we can put you on the list.

**For more information on events, check the newsletter or our website.**

Any questions or comments regarding the Green River Current should be directed to:

Public Relations Chair: Cecil Stellyes

We would like to provide this newsletter in an electronic format, let us know your email address so that we can put you on the list.

# Green River District Committee

## District Key 3

District Chair	Bill Westcott wlwest@foxinternet.net	253-639-4948
District Commissioner	Dave Nelson dvdnls@att.net	206-772-1866
District Executive	Jason Macpherson jmacpherson@seattlebsa.com	206-399-5805

## Members at Large

Vice-Chair/Annual Dinner Chair	John Staneff	253-852-2486
Membership Chair	Pending	
Advancement Chair	Gary Twite	253-631-6638
Eagle Coordinator	Mike Johnson	425-235-1826
Merit Badge Counselors	Don Hamell	253-631-8519
Recognition Chair	David Lee	253-630-8959
Finance Chair	Pending	
Friends of Scouting Chair	Pending	
PR and Tech Chair	Cecil Stellyes	253-373-0774
Web Master	Lynwood Stewart	253-630-9794
Nominations Chair / Camporee	Paul Feider	425-226-3156
Programs Chair	Open	
Camping Chair	John Rosenlund	425-277-3118
Order of the Arrow Adult Advisor	Paul Edwards	253-852-0319
OA Chapter Chief	Shawn Martin	
District Training Chair	Tom Bingaman	253-226-4479
Boy Scout Leader Training	Bob Czaplinski	253-631-4419
Cub Scout Leader Training	Scott Whitmire	253 874-8101
Youth Protection Training	Joyce Froisland	253-631-9517
Activities Chair	Open	
Klondike Chair	Open	
Popcorn Kernel	Scott Gilyeat	425-255-1191
Scouting for Food / Xmas Tree Chair	Mike Johnson	425-235-1826
Iron Titans III Chair	Ron Hiatt	206-575-8378
Boy Scout Roundtable Chair	Bob Czaplinski	253-631-4419
Cub Scout Roundtable Chair	Arthur Pinkers	253 854-5754
Venture Roundtable Chair	Robert Millard	253-638-3131