

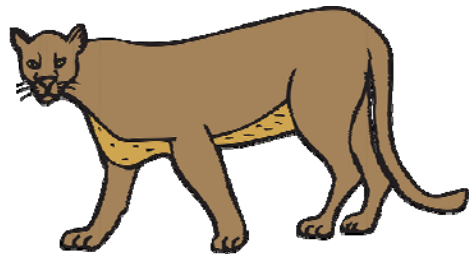
General Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, 7:30 PM
Chuckanut Fire House

Cougars, Bears, and Wolves

As many of you are probably aware, there has been an increase in sightings of cougars in our neighborhoods in recent years.

Western Wildlife Outreach Biologists will present information and answers about how to live and recreate safely around large carnivores to keep people, pets, and Wildlife safe



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President's Message

To Be or Not To Be

It has been over five years since past-President Dave Franklin issued his "To Be or Not To Be" President's Message in the newsletter of January 2010, asking whether the CCFA had a future, given the transfer of fire protection duties to our professional and tax-supported South Whatcom Fire Authority. By April of that year, I was installed as President, and we morphed into the CBCA. Thus, I have been President for over five years and, with the exception of VP Jennie Tuckerman (two years) and Secretary Gale Gropp (one year more or less), the other Officers and Trustees and various committee chairs have been on the job as long or longer than I. For example, Georgia Heald, who has performed superbly in maintaining the quality and consistency of this newsletter for many years, is ready to relinquish her position as editor, while I, who have served as webmaster for the community website, am ready to devote my energy to other tasks.

I believe we have arrived at another "To Be or Not To Be" fork in the road. The clear message I have received is that the current leadership has served long enough and is ready to move on, yet no others have stepped forward with new energy. As one of our residents put it, perhaps "this is an organization which has outlasted its usefulness."

Dues collection is down 23% since 2013; only 25% of the 350-or-so households within the Chuckanut Community paid their support dues for 2015. Approximately 180 households – a little over half – have shown no interest in registering for or utilizing the community website.

I believe there is potential usefulness in a community organization, especially the communication medium of a community website. Understandably, folks in the community are busy with families, work and personal lives. However, without individuals willing to shoulder the load, it is not possible to maintain these resources.

Between now and a general membership meeting to be held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, January 6th 2016, your Executive Board will accept and consider proposals for continuation of the CBCA and its various activities, submitted by community members who are willing to assume leadership positions and do the work of the Association.

At that January general membership meeting, members will vote on the future of the Association. Should two thirds of those attending -- given the opportunity to review and discuss proposals -- decide to dissolve the association, that will be the action taken. Should that not be the case, those in attendance must include at least four individuals willing and able to assume the roles of, and stand for election as, President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer – plus, unless the Bylaws are amended, three Trustees. Nominations will be taken from the floor.

Please forward proposals to me via email : jmnewlight@comcast.net or by snail mail to 897 Chuckanut Shore RD, 98229.

J. Michael Newlight

Community

Obituary

Lois Garlick, longtime resident of Chuckanut Point Road, passed away on June 28 at age 95. She left a lasting legacy of civic involvement and environmental activism. She was instrumental in preserving Scudder Pond near Lake Whatcom and Protection Island, a seabird preserve near Port Townsend. She also worked to create the North Cascades Audubon Society Chapter in 1970. Lois worked on the Shoreline Management Act and led the Clean Water Alliance. Chuckanut residents may remember that Lois' late husband George was the steward of Chuckanut Island for the Nature Conservancy. Lois shared in that responsibility. From her home, Lois managed a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation operation named Raptor Roost. She continued some of her bird rehab work even after she and George moved into Bellingham in 2000. Lois was a founding Board member of Friends of Chuckanut, an organization dedicated to preserving the rural character and scenic beauty of the Chuckanut area. She served on the Board for many years. Thinking of future generations, Lois and George donated their family papers to the Goltz-Murray State Archives located near WWU on the corner of Bill McDonald Parkway and 25th Street. The items can be viewed at the Archives or at <http://west.wwu.edu/cpnws/findingaids/cpnws/Garlick/garlickbio.htm>

by Diane Smith

I went on a ukulele cruise, this summer, on the Schooner Zodiac and was pleasantly surprised to find my neighbors, **Lynette Berry** and her son, **Simon** working as volunteer crew. They did everything professionally: navigation, deck hand, stood watch, and taught us how to do all these things also. A wonderful experience.



Zodiac Crew



From Your Editor:

I am looking for a volunteer to take over as editor. I am willing to work with them and give them all my computer files. I know there are many individuals in this community that could do a better job than I. Think it over and give me a call or email. I am tired after 9 years.

Georgia Heald
gbianchi@aol.com 360-733-9358

Larrabee State Park by Amber Forest

Update:

Larrabee State Park had a great peak season this year. We hope that you and your family came to enjoy the park. If not, autumn is a great time to experience nature in a more peaceful setting (no summer crowds☺). Larrabee State Park has more than 15 miles of trails, two fresh water lakes, boasts 8500 feet of saltwater frontage and yes, there is camping too. Plan a day out with your family to enjoy the water in your kayak or take a short hike on the new Rock trail back to Lost Lake (don't forget your hiking poles to navigate the over 160 stairs that you will encounter).

The park is currently working on facilitating a new biker only and hiker only trail on the Double black diamond trail section. There is also an additional trail added below upper double black diamond (UDBD) called lower double black diamond (LDBD) trail. It should be finished by the end of October, 2015. The trail sits just below the current UDBD trail (aka chinscraper) off Fragrance Lake road. The UDBD trail will have two parallel trails, one for hikers only and one for bikers only. The idea was to mitigate the conflict between the two user groups, allow bikers to descend safely down the hill on a trail that is designated for them thereby making Fragrance Lake trail (hiker only) not attractive and by fixing several erosion problems. Right now there are temporary signs at intersections letting you know where to go. When all of the trails are finished on DBD upper and lower there will be a complete biker only trail from Cyrus gates overlook down to the Lost Lake parking lot and a hiker only trail from South Lost Lake trail to Cyrus gates overlook and to the Rock trail (making a loop from Rock trail to South Lost Lake trail to Cyrus gates overlook). The biker only trail is being constructed by Whatcom Mountain Biking Coalition and we are working on getting Washington Trails Association to construct the hiker only portions.

The park sustained some damage and tree failures during the last storm in late August. We utilized 265 volunteer hours and 165 staff hours to clean up the damage. We took out 47 trees (Thanks Marty Barney!) and are in the process of repairing a damaged bridge. The park was out of power for 3 ½ days. Luckily it was summer and no one was too cold for lack of power. The park had to give several refunds and evacuate the campground because of the high winds.

Thanks to all volunteers and staff for your hard work this year so far!

The park is working with an interpretive specialist this autumn to celebrate our 100th birthday. As you may know, Larrabee State Park, is Washington State's first park. The official paperwork went through in 1915. The original land donation, 20 acres was made by two business men named C.X. Larrabee and Cyrus Gates. The park is looking in to having a plaque made and placed near the first donated piece of land which is in the south day use area. The celebration will likely take place in the spring of 2016. There will be an announcement to the public.

Wildlife:

What happened to the cougars that were reported several times last year? Ranger Amber Forest got to see three of them last December on Cleator Road! It was the mother and two of her two yearlings. We were told by wildlife agents that they have a large territory to roam and were probably just passing through the park.

Larrabee (contiued)



Figure 1. Adult male cougars stand about 30 inches tall at the shoulder. (Photo by Rich Beausoleil.)

“Sleek and graceful, cougars (*Puma concolor*, Fig. 1) are solitary and secretive animals rarely seen even in the wild. Also known as mountain lions or pumas, cougars are known for their strength, agility, and awesome ability to jump. Their exceptionally powerful legs enable them to leap 30 feet from a standstill, or to jump 15 feet straight up a cliff wall. Cougars use their paws and claws to trip prey (i.e. a swat to the rear legs) or grab it with their claws, then use their claws to hold their prey while delivering the kill-bite. A cougar’s strength and powerful jaws allow it to take down and drag prey larger than itself.

Cougars are the largest members of the cat family in North America. Adult males average approximately 140 pounds but in a perfect situation may weigh 180 pounds and measure 7-8 feet long from nose to tip of tail. Adult males stand about 30 inches tall at the shoulder. Adult female cougars average about 25 percent smaller than males. Cougars vary in color from reddish-brown to tawny (deerlike) to gray, with a black tip on their long tail.

Cougars occur throughout Washington where suitable cover and prey are found. The cougar population for the year 2008 was estimated to be 2000 to 2,500 animals. The cougar population in eastern Washington is declining and the westside population is stable. The Department of Fish and Wildlife has nine management zones around the state designated for "maintain" or "decline," and adjusts harvest levels accordingly. (WDFW web page)

Volunteer:

If you are interested in volunteering at Larrabee State Park please feel free to call the park and talk with Amber at 360-676-2093. It doesn’t take much to make a huge difference for us at the park. Some of the volunteer jobs are: working at the contact station during spring and summer months, trail cleanup, brushing, campsite cleanup, camp hosting, maintenance hosting, and general maintenance. We really appreciate our volunteers and count on them to help us keep Larrabee looking so great!

History

Early Chuckanut Drive Thanks to Roger Hunt



Gertrude and Roy

Hunt

Out for a Drive



Chuckanut Island

Photos

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Neighborhood Coordinators

Manager: Ken Kaliher – 734-2096

Volunteer Captain	Address	Phone
Marsha Riek—All of Beacon Rd, Cove Rd E of RR Trk (13)	297 Beacon Road	733-8277
Chris Thorndike-Kent – 1270-1338 Ch’nut Crest Drive (5)	1338 Chuckanut Crest Drive	920-5210
Marsha Alan-1341-1402 Chuckanut Crest Drive (13)	1385 Chuckanut Crest Drive	734-8538
Diane Staves-1420-1710 Chuckanut Crest DR., Chuckanut Height’s Ct. (10)	1700 Chuckanut Crest Drive	733-4229
B.K. Smith—All on Chuckanut Crest Lane (5)	1234 Chuckanut Crest Lane	676-1955
Diane Smith—All on Brighton Crest Dr.& Lane (19)	1234 Chuckanut Crest Lane	676-1955
Martie Lopez—All on Kathryn Lane (3)	1595 Kathryn Lane	756-0706
Susan Gelhar- 630, 645-797 Chuckanut Dr. (odd #s, 12)	655 Chuckanut Drive	752-0177
Frank Schultz- 682-694 Chuckanut Dr. (even #s only)	694 Chuckanut Drive	676-0115
and all on Chuckanut Heights Road (10)		
Al Race- 754-924 Chuckanut Dr. (even #s only 10)	892 Chuckanut Drive	734-4491
Kathy Lorson Howell	1096 Chuckanut Drive	736-0416
-- 938-1096 Chuckanut Drive (14, even #s only)		
Will Cady- 933-1127 Chuckanut Dr. (18; odd #s only)	1105 Chuckanut Drive	756-0511
Ken Kaliher (Klipsun)	1207 Chuckanut Drive	734-2096
-- 1177-1247 Chuckanut Drive (9; odd #s only)		
Leslie Welden-1220-1278 Ch’nut Dr. (even numbers, 6)	1264 Chuckanut Drive	734-4678
Dale Anderson & Joanie Greenberg	1317 Chuckanut Drive	592-0223
-- 1261-1323 Chuckanut Drive (9 odd)+ 1306,1314		
DL (Pat) & Mary Patterson	1329 Chuckanut Drive	922-0049
-- 1325-1419 Ch’nut Drive (9 odd),1326-1368 (6 even)		
Liz Wright—All on Chuckanut Point Road (23)	280 Chuckanut Point Road	671-5518
Nancy Stumvoll--Working with Liz Wright above	266 Chuckanut Point Road	738-7928
Gale Gropp—All Chuckanut Shore Rd.& Chuckanut Lane	745 Chuckanut Shore Road	733-3991
Michael Botwin – 340-373 Cove Rd. west of RR tracks (7)	349 Cove Road	733-5353
Emily Larson-Rutter—All on Dolphin Place, E. Dolphin Pl.	502 E. Dolphin Place	647-1343
-- & 508,525 Chuckanut Dr. (15)		
Susan Brown—123-185 Hiline Road (7)	185 Hiline Road	650-9511
Carletta Vanderbilt—913-915 Hiline Road (2)	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
Rolf Park -- Working with Julie Carpenter above	107 Soundview Road	647-9632
Dave Franklin—All on Whitecap Road (22)	546 Whitecap Road	671-2957
Larrabee State Park Ranger Amber Forest	249 Chuckanut Drive	676-2093

Please consider volunteering to be a Neighborhood Coordinator in one of the following address ranges:

- Heron Point Lane – all households (at least 5)
- Chuckanut Drive, odd numbers from 809 to 919 (at least 12 households)
- Chuckanut Drive, odd numbers and a few even from 1325 to 1419 (about 15 households)
- Chuckanut Drive, even numbers from 1372 to 1486 (at least 14 households)
- Chuckanut Crest Drive – additional help dividing up at least 25 households

Contact Ken Kaliher at kenkaliher@hotmail.com for details. Thank you!!!

CBCA Officers

CBCA OFFICERS	COMMITTEE CHAIRS
President Michael Newlight 734-5890	Membership Amy Van Pelt 220-1748
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	Adopt-a-Highway Will Cady 756-0511
Fire Commissioner Lynn Trzynka 715-8038	Memorial Garden Susan Brown 650-9511 Frank Schultz 676-0115

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

Books

Chuckanut Chronicles

Chuckanut Memories

\$16.50 each

Historic Chuckanut Cook Book

\$3 each

Note Cards

Chuckanut Memories

Chuckanut Island

Six for \$1

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

Pet, Baby, and House sitting

I would like to offer pet sitting, babysitting, and house sitting services to Chuckanut Community members. I am a renter living on Klipsun drive. References available. My name is Rachel Arnold and I can be contacted by phone or email: 603-769-0150, rlarnold5@gmail.com

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, babysitting, house sitting, lawn or yard care please provide the information to gbianchi@aol.com with "Bulletin Board" in the subject box.

Chuckanut News

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CBCA Important Dates:

- Wednesday, October 7: General Meeting 7:30, Fire Hall
- 2nd Wednesday of each month: Fire Commissioners meeting, 3-5 pm, Geneva Fire Hall, public welcome
- Monday, December 14: Deadline for newsletter articles for the January 2016 issue
- Wednesday, January 6: General Meeting 7:30, Fire Hall

Please send all news, announcements, articles, photos, story ideas, artwork, or letters for the Newsletter to: gbianchi@aol.com or call Georgia Heald, Editor, 733-9358