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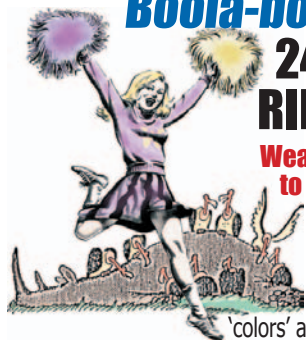
FOUNDED APRIL 1, 1969 RINO HUNTING GROUND



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Boola-boola for the 24th annual RINO Homecoming

**Wear your school paraphernalia
to the next meeting**



Ra-Ra-Ree, kick 'em in the knee...Ra-Ra-Rass, kick 'em in the...other knee! Or so it may be if WNRotarians don't show their 'colors' at the October 26th meeting. Don't worry if your school doesn't grovel on the gridiron like Martin Barron's University of London that gets it on in rugby, soccer and cricket, instead. Wear your stuff. And if you didn't graduate, forgot to attend classes, or never got around to enrolling, no matter. Don the gay apparel as if you were cumlaude. Off-springs' colleges are fair game, as well. Wear a cap, sweater, shirt, scarf, jacket, mascot head, you name it.

Just make sure its very visible and easy to identify (yes underwear is allowed, but only if worn on the outside). And, rest assured, any Wenatchee North member not sporting their school spirit will be duly recognized and, by the way, it won't be just a matter of two bits, four bits, six bits, a dollar. And, if you choose to skip, standard 'tuition' may well double. Of course, any resulting proceeds will go into the RINO Bowl pool for college scholarships.

From Wenatchee North's history...

How the RINO Bowl came to be

Back in 1988 during Jeff Mertes' term, the club needed a "mini-fundraiser" that generated money for the doubling of scholarships without involving a time commitment by club members. Mertes came up with the idea of the RINO Bowl originally with each WN-Rotarian predicting whether or not his or her alma mater would win or lose each week. Bob Mitchell was the first RINO Bowl champion thanks to the fact that his Central Washington Wildcats were an undefeated powerhouse. The next year, Dennis Key won it for the same reason - it was easy to predict wins for his University of Washington Huskies.

Because of a claim of bias registered by disgruntled WSU alumni (the Cougars hardly ever won, but managed a few upsets to keep supporters from contending in the RINO Bowl), the rules were changed to making preseason predictions of only the losers of a schedule of games that involved teams to which WNRotarians had ties. Hence the term "Wazzu rules" was coined in recognition of their excessive whining. 'Outside' entries were also accepted (typically about 20% of income).

In 1994, the excuse of not knowing anything about football as a reason for not entering the RINO Bowl was eliminated with the creation of *Ryan O'Ralphie's Incredibly Easy Cheat Sheet* that gives everyone equal insight into predicting the losers. Ryan O' typically makes these predictions on his deck on or about July 4.

Each year, any ties among prize winners have been broken in a typically undignified manner at the annual Wenatchee North Rotary Christmas Party. Also, at the party, a drawing is held with each RINO Bowl participant getting an entry for every correct losing pick that they made. The prize for that drawing has always been equal to the first place amount won by the RINO Bowl champion. The 1994 champion, Harry Mertes, was drawn in 1996, two weeks after his death.

In 2002, an additional optional competition including NFL games known as the RINO Masters was created without benefit of a cheat sheet.

Not including this year, the RINO Bowl and Masters have grossed \$54,261 with a net of \$36,964 going to the WNR college scholarship fund after the awarding of prizes. Along with Ryan O', Joey 'The Geek' Gaspers has been instrumental in RINO Bowl success.



Featured on today's menu...

"Shift Happens" says Flones



The 'Mad Hatter' was in fine fettle but, unfortunately, prey 'Cecile' Cetto

eluded his clutches once again. Rob Tidd went on to request volunteers to 'man' the iron lung display at Wenatchee Valley Mall on Sunday, Oct. 23 during our shift from 11:00-2:00 in conjunction with Rotary Polio Eradication Awareness Day. Be sure to attend the "End Polio Now" Rally at Centennial Park in downtown Wenatchee at 5:00-6:00, Monday, Oct. 24.

Wenatchee School District Superintendent Brian Flones presented "Wenatchee Learns" - the ongoing whole community approach to learning. He emphasized that everyone needs to be prepared for the "Shift Age" necessity for adapting to constant change. Local learning needs rewiring for a global future. Changes must occur in an obsolete educational system designed for the long gone industrial revolution.



• Posted for membership: Steve Tidd, proposed by Fred Van Sickle; and Tina Tidd, proposed by Rob Tidd.

• Braden Draggoo visited WNR as Scott Thompson's guest.

• Randy Zielinski reminded everyone that 55 Rotary Park tiles remain to be sold at \$100 each. If you haven't already purchased one, or want to add another, contact Zielinski or Haglund.

• Brian Walker reported **The Arlberg Raffle** fundraiser is moving along with several WNRotarians already turning in sold-out ticket books. It now seems likely that the drawing will take place at the Wenatchee North Christmas Party on December 14.

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RINO Bowl week #7

Ryan O'Ralphie maintained his stranglehold at the pinnacle of the RINO Bowl, tied with Kevin Spaeth at 15-2. Trailing a game behind are Gordi Northrup, Phil Johnson, Dave Doerr and Rob Tidd. *Last week's results* - Colorado 24 Washington 52, Cornell 28 Colgate 35, Puget Sound 31 Willamette 49. Spaeth continued to pace the RINO Masters, one tick ahead of Jeff Mertes. *Last week's lone NFL game result* - Vikings 10 Bears 39.

The RINO Bowl slobber-knocked two more WNRotarians - Doerr and Ivan Christensen who paid the piper (not Dr. Feelgood) 5 Benjamins apiece.

UPCOMING GAMES - Washington @ Stanford, Carroll @ E. Oregon, M: Seahawks @ Browns, M: Colts @ Saints.



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