

## WENATCHEE NORTH ROTARY November 16, 2011

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Does this look like some-  
one who has just won an  
election? Or is Campbell  
thinking, *OMG, what have  
I done?*

- Congratulations to WNRotarian Bryan Campbell for winning a spot on the Wenatchee City Council by an overwhelming margin. Now the down and dirty work begins. We're confident he'll be a voice of reason and enlightenment in the council's decision making process. Talk about a confident politician, Campbell took off for a two-week Maui vacation right before the election.

- Speaking of fun in the sun, Rich Adams is just back from Palm Springs and Phoenix, and Greg Brown has returned from a Nevada trip with the guys where he "played a lot of bad golf" on some great courses.

- Treasurer Martin Barron reported that \$1400 has been turned-in to date in the *Arlberg Raffle* fundraiser. He also announced that 9 Sports Awards program ads have yet to

be paid making them about two months past due.

- Prez Alice reminds board members, and anyone else interested in attending, that the next WNR Board meeting is tomorrow (Nov. 17), noon, at Prospector Pies.

- Randy Zielinski put out another call for Rotary Park Plaza monument tiles at \$100 each - we have ten more to sell. You can have names and/or logos etched into them at no extra charge.

- Don't forget - the annual Wenatchee North Christmas Party is scheduled for December 14 at Wenatchee Golf & Country Club, so save the date. According to Alice herself, "It's always a lively affair."

- Rob Tidd has two End Polio Now T-shirts available at \$10 each.



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**Alice isn't offering a  
Thanksgiving menu!**

**NO MEETING  
NEXT WEEK**

## RINO Bowl week #11

Movement finally occurred in the RINO Bowl standings as Ryan O'Ralphie took sole possession of the top spot with a 24-2 record and Kevin Spaeth dropped back to second, two games off the pace. A logjam developed with 12 tied for third at 21-5. *Last week's results* - Willamette 6 PLU 13, Penn 20 Harvard 37. In the RINO Masters, Jeff Mertes romped into the lead at 32-10 as Kevin Spaeth tumbled into a tie for second with Mike Sylvester a game back. *Last week's NFL result* - Ravens 17 Seasurprises 22, Jets 16 Patriots 37. RINO Trivia took a toll on Greg Brown for six smackers.

Please take note - with just two weeks remaining in the RINO Bowl and Masters schedules, any unpaid entry fees need to be taken care of post haste!

**Run your ad for just \$10 per week...**  
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**Featured on today's menu...**

**We always like to hear about something fishy**



Don Talbot reeled us in with a presentation about lunkers the lures he has invented have attracted to hooks. The former insurance agent pursued his passion for fishing first as a half owner of Mack's Lures, and when that went down

the tube, on his own as an inventor. His first really financially successful idea was a tackle box that won a major international invention contest. He began his fishing lure business in his basement before being kicked upstairs to designing on a computer and 3-D printer. Many of his fishing inventions are sold through Hooked on Toys. Perhaps his most popular, Super Baits, is a flasher that throws out scents to attract fish. Investors have now received returns of about 20 times their initial investments. He spends a lot of time "testing" prototypes that he's invented.

*From Wenatchee North's history...*

## When RINO Olympians battled

Trying to build comradery within the ranks, bolster the treasury some, and create a bit of excitement, Jeff Mertes rallied the troops for the RINO Olympics from 1996 through 1998. The six month annual competition involved golf, putting and bowling. Two teams were formed with all Wenatchee North members on the roster of one squad or the other. Gordi Northrup and Jim Haglund were perennial captains. The Olympics consisted of a schedule of competitions culminating in a championship putt-off on the Desert Canyon course, that included spouses, followed by a 19th hole banquet.

Roy Miller, with his custom drilled ball and classy twinkle-toed approach

to the line, proved to be a dominant force on the lanes. Dave Parsons was a kingpin on grass.

Martin Barron, a 'native' of Zimbabwe, voiced the only complaint when he lamented that cricket wasn't included among events. Barron was subsequently awarded a concession of 25 points for every beer that he consumed at post-competition get-togethers.

RINO Olympics stakes were \$20 donations to Rotary by losing team members at the end of each year's schedule of events. (See the next page)



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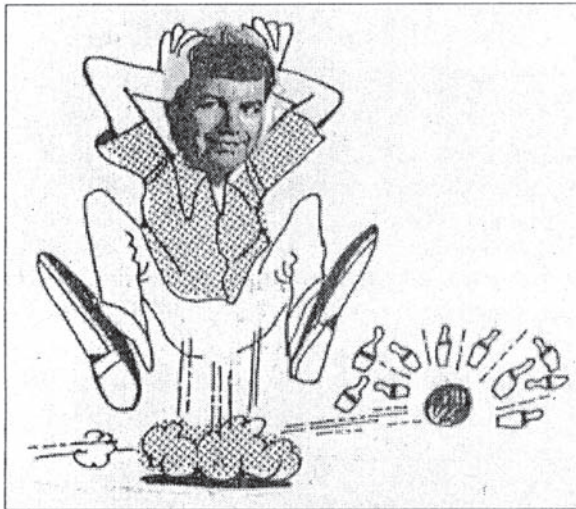
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'Walks like a Duck' Northrup shows his patented 'Webfoot Flap,' knocking down all the pins after throwing a gutter ball on his first attempt.

### Northrup's charges kick serious butt

COLUMBIA LANES, WENATCHEE - March 5th was a day that will live in infamy for Haglund's subpar Blue Pars who suffered a 2891-1406 defeat equally as surprising and no less devastating than the attack on Pearl Harbor itself.

Captain Gordi 'Walks like a Duck' Northrup had his troops goosed and unleashed a secret weapon, Stan Bastian, who spearheaded the Yellow Mallow attack. "Who was that masked man?" wondered Barb 'I Brought my own 'cause I'm not putting Feet in Rental Shoes' Harris as Stan 'The Man' led all RINO Olympians with a 191 and 336 two game total. "Obviously on steroids," losing captain Jim 'Meester Puck' Haglund noted, groping for another pop of Prozac.

It was painfully evident early that the 'Bloopers' were in deep ka-ka. First of all, Harris broke a fingernail. Unfortunately, no medical personnel affiliated with the Blue Pars showed up, so Barb had to fight bravely through her owie. The Mallows, meanwhile, had chiropractors Ivan 'The Terrible' Christensen and Robert 'Snap-Crackle-Pop' St. Dennis on hand to keep 'Walks like a Duck' Northrup in line - no easy task, as you'll see.

### Gordi gains a competitive edge at all costs

Northrup used psychological ploys to gain an advantage whenever possible. After Marcia 'Thank God I Don't Look like a Bowler' Henkle missed a spare slightly right, Gordi chided, "Bet you wish you were a *hooker*, now." With a coy smile, Henkle rendered her captain impotent and followed with a strike much to Northrup's delight.

'Like a Duck' kept pilfering *BUD*, the favorite house ball shared by Blue Pars Monte 'Gnat King' Cole and Haglund. Twice the sneaky Yellow Mallow captain managed to lose the prized black orb after winging it into the pin pit. Lost balls are common enough for the 'Yellow Belly' leader on the links, but an extremely rare feat for anyone in a bowling center. Once was excuseable, but to have it happen two times raised suspicious eyebrows among the Bloopers.

Perhaps Northrup's most callous tactic was attempting to throw Chip 'Too Tall' Small off his game by objecting to allowing the judge to bowl in his trench coat. "This isn't a court," he informed Small for all to hear, "and a bowling alley is no place to try to make a fashion statement." 'Too Tall', obviously rattled, stumbled to a 124, but rebounded in game two with a nifty 172.

Blue Par confidence was shaken early when two Mallows, Roy 'Smoother Mover' Miller and Rich 'I like to Throw that Sucker Hard and make those Pins Dance' Adams simultaneously unzipped and presented spit shined balls for all to admire and touch.

Then there was the late arrival of Mike 'Above All' Vail who rushed to make his turn for the Yellow Bellies and, with nifty footwork and gazelle-like finish, rolled his first ball in twenty years for a strike. Yeow, 'twas mighty bleak, indeed, for the Blue Pars.

Jeff 'Ryan O' Mertes epitomized Blooper frustration. Over two games on lane #7, 'Ryan O' rolled nine marks and 183, but on lane #8, he bruised only 85 pins. No wonder captain Haglund left the lanes slightly cross-

eyed...the same way he looks after hockey board meetings.

### Look out Custer

It became obvious who would win just by counting noggins. The question was how badly the Yellow crew would annihilate the Blues. A modicum of hope existed when John 'Wheezier' White got off to a pitiful start. But to Blue Par dismay, he rallied mightily and turned in a very solid performance.

The final outcome could have been much worse. Thanks, in part, to four crucial factors, the slaughter was kept from becoming a Little Bighorn massacre - 1) Alan 'No Strain' Crain only had time to bowl a total of 8 frames, so Dave 'Open' Doerr had to finish the game, living up to his nickname in the process; 2) Doerr then had to bowl two additional games without injuring himself or his teammates; 3) 'Don't Look like a Bowler' Henkle rolled her first ball for a strike...on the *wrong lane*; and 4) Martin 'Sure I'll Nip off to the Pub' Barron was awarded 25 points for each beer he drank after protesting that cricket wasn't included in the RINO Olympic competition.

### Captains' Comments

'Walks like a Duck' - "We bad, they sad, we glad."

'Meester Puck' - "Our next team meeting is with Jim Goodwin."

### Next Competition

The consensus among the eighteen competitors present at Columbia Lanes was to bowl again next Tuesday, March 12 and waiting for warmer weather before knocking around a putting course. If you missed the inaugural RINO Olympics event because you thought you'd be too late, Ivan Christensen didn't begin bowling until after 5:30 and was able to get his games in with ease.