

## WENATCHEE NORTH ROTARY November 2, 2011

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• President Alice is as pleased as Dave Parsons when the Cougars win one in a row with the new storage cabinet fabricated by Rob Tidd.

Packing WNR stuff to and from common storage, not to mention having items pilfered, was truly a pain in the back that not even Ivan Christensen could alleviate.

• New members Steve and Tina Tidd were introduced.

• Roy Miller was back from a hunting trip in North Dakota. Sounds cold, but he claimed things are really 'heating-up' for NoDaks thanks to oil drilling.

Kind of reminiscent of the Beverly Hillbillies, "And up through the ground came a-bubblin' crude."

• Three anniversaries were acknowledged - Martin Barron marked his 41st, and Steve Ellis and Rob Tidd substantially shorter periods of wedded bliss.



## RINO Bowl week #9

Ryan O'Ralphie continued to grip first, along with Kevin Spaeth, at 20-2. In hot pursuit, a game back, are Rob Tidd and Jeff Mertes. Two off the pace lurk Roy Miller, Gordi Northrup and Dave Doerr. *Last week's results* - Idaho 14 Hawaii 16, WSU 28 Oregon 43, C. Washington 35 W. Texas A&M 49. Spaeth held on to the lead in the Masters at 28-6 with Mertes a game behind and Miller in third, three out of first. *Last week's NFL game result* - Seapigeons 12 Bengals 34.

RINO Bowl Trivia generated \$30 from Homecoming shirkers and Jim Mills was stumped by the RINO Trivia question.

**UPCOMING GAMES** - Idaho @ San Jose St., Oregon @ Washington, M: Seapigeons @ Cowboys, Ravens @ Steelers.

From Wenatchee North's history...

## Hardly an 'immaculate conception'

Wenatchee North, born a child of Wenatchee Rotary, came into being on April 1, 1969. The baby club was christened with the cumbersome name of Rotary Club of Wenatchee North, a more or less meaningless territorial designation that supposedly granted rights to any potential member north of Fifth Street.

The club's conception was sponsored by 'Downtown Rotar-

ians', who, in part, were looking for a convenient way to make up missed meetings. They intended for the new "RCOWN" to convene on Tuesdays at noon, and so it was. But the downtowners soon learned that the whippersnapper upstart didn't think much of get-togethers on that day of the week to please 'the old guys', and, instead, quickly switched to Wednesday as the "WNR" meeting day.

Featured on today's menu...

## The Town Toyota Center in black and red



The executive director of the Town Toyota Center, Mark Miller, spoke about the current state of the arena from an operational viewpoint. His goal is to have "something for everybody." The unfortunate thing is that, before he arrived on the

scene, the facility was marketed as a no risk, money making endeavor. Miller said there isn't an arena in the country that pays its way - the Tri-Cities facility will lose \$280,000 this year and they service a population of 225,000 people compared to our 75,000. The Town Toyota Center, by comparison, is running slightly in the black operationally. Among revenue sources, about 28% is from the Wenatchee Wild and 36% is from concerts. Artists require guarantees - B.B. King, for instance, is guaranteed \$50,000, then gets 85% of anything in excess which should leave about \$10,000 for the TTC. The upcoming Mannheim Steamroller concert should clear \$25,000-\$30,000 by comparison. A Wild game generates about \$4,000-\$5,000 revenue for the arena. He also noted that maintenance and replacement costs are on the horizon that will need to be funded. Miller noted his job is to run the arena and really isn't involved in debt funding issues, but wouldn't be surprised if bankruptcy results. He said it was obvious from day one that the TTC couldn't generate enough revenue to pay the \$42 million debt.

Arlberg Shopping Spree chairman Brian Walker made a pitch for everyone to "Sell, sell, sell." Money and stubs have started to trickle in.

## A cast of two dressed for Halloween

It was all-aboard the Halloween train out of North Bend last Sunday. In case you're wondering, that's Kathy Mertes waving on the right, and grandson Teo (no longer the 'Diaper Dandy', mind you) as a "scary shark" on the left.



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