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RINO Bowl tied-up in a giant granny knot

The undignified tiebreaker is bound to be a real doozy

Nothing even remotely like the seven-way knot for the top spot in the RINO Bowl has ever developed before in the history of the mini-fundraiser. This year's incredible deadheat with 25-5 records involves **Ryan O'Ralphie, Bruce Law, Kevin Vitulli, Rob Tidd, Kate Sullivan, Jim Haglund and Bud Truswell**. Those peerless prognosticators will compete in an undignified tiebreaker at the Christmas Party to determine the recipients of four prizes (as well as the three who will be left with a stocking full of coal). Members must be present to win, non-members need to be represented by the WNRotarian responsible for getting them into the competition.

With one game remaining in the MASTERS, Rob Tidd is clinging to a precarious lead with a 40-9 record. Bob Bullis, only a game off the pace, is in position to tie Tidd while Jim Haglund, Joe Gaspers and Bud Truswell are still contenders to make the top three.

Thanks to Dave Parsons' foolhardy Cougar challenge to WNR Huskies based on the outcome of the Apple Cup, his \$100 donation wager has been added to the RINO Bowl with the following adjusted prizes up for grabs - RINO Bowl: 1st-\$435; 2nd-\$220; 3rd-\$150; 4th-\$110; MASTERS: 1st-\$250; 2nd-\$130; 3rd-\$100. The RINO Drawing, based on one entry for each correct pick, will be for \$435 - so all participants definitely have a shot as long as they're in attendance (ask Ron Kemp who lost the drawing twice due to being AWOL, and Jim Mills to name two).

Going into the Christmas Party, the College Scholarship Fund will net at least \$1,974. In its history, the RINO Bowl & MASTERS has generated \$66,064 with at least \$43,588 for scholarships.



Sheila & Kevin Dresker, Dave Doerr and Chris Baker ready themselves for the RINO undignified tiebreaker at the 2011 Christmas Do.



Great Caesar's Ghost

by Perry White, editor in chief

Speculation has been rampant as to what has been hermetically sealed in the envelope describing the competition to determine RINO Bowl and MASTERS prize winners. One of our crack investigative reporters has discovered a pattern of humiliation connected with the undignified breaking of ties over the years. The contests speak for themselves - very politically incorrect 'Indian' poker, hiking a mini-WSU souvenir football into a kitty bed, coffin corner punting, guessing competitors' weights, kicking the can down the road toward the fiscal cliff, tabletop spitwad football, blind teammate backwards lateralling, and bouncing a football into a bucket to name just a few. And it's all done before a boisterous crowd while wearing protective, vintage, leather headgear with Sandy Northrup sometimes leading cheers if conditions are right. There simply isn't any way to prepare in advance - *unless there's a leak of some type*. An anonymous source has identified likely involvement by someone known simply as Clarence. Another claims that diving or jumping may be a part of the competition. Or not. Our reporter notes that all this may ultimately lead to a dead end but will continue to dig until the closing bell sounds. Personally, I'd say there's about as much chance of finding out in advance as there is of lassoing the moon.



ROTARY PARK FLAG DUTY

Now with the completion of the lighted Flag Plaza, Wenatchee North along with Downtown

and Sunrise, will take turns being responsible for caring for the flags and making sure lighting is working properly. Our club will be on duty from January through April. Be sure to sign up to do your share.

MILD-MANNERED REPORTER of the Week: *Randy Zielinski*



BACKSIDE REVIEW

Mahatma presided over the meeting which was attended by 30 Rotarians including our state senator Linda Evans Parlette. Dr. Jim 'Feelgood' again led the invocation. Joe Gamboni got him to tell us that today Jews lit the 7th candle of Hanukkah with one more to go. As only possible in a club like WNR, Goodwin, heading up Christmas bellringing in fine Jewish fashion, urged us to double-up - although two hour slots are filled, it would be nice to add another person to each session to shorten the ringing to an hour each because of expected cold temperatures. Our Salvation Army support effort to help feed the hungry begins this Saturday with another on Saturday, Dec. 21 - both in front of JC Penney. Contact Jim to help out.

Joe Gamboni was the finemaster and he recognized Greg Brown for wearing Tina Tidd's badge. The Great Gamboni questioned Brownie's manhood and fined five bucks for his incredibly poor impersonation of Tina. Notice that Brownie, after being teased about the badge, layed it on the table after the third ribbing. Former WN president Tim Cetto, AWOL for an awfully long time, was in attendance and meekly offered \$60 to the club if that would be all the club wanted from him. The Great Gamboni mercifully accepted the offer. Joe also fined Kevin Vitulli for having "soft" hands for our regular high five.

The program was about Mission Ridge, with Jordan Lindstrom touting what's new at the Ridge and Jeff Ostenson talking about a documentary he is making for the 50th anniversary of the ski area which will happen in 2016. Jordan talked about the fact that there is now 16" of snow in the upper basin and about the new shuttle system from Wenatchee to the Ridge that starts next week. He also bragged about doubling the hotel use last year from the previous year and hopes to double that total again this year with a goal of 5,000 visits. The lodge has a new chef this year who is using all fresh ingredients and improving the menu. Mission Ridge has a booth at the Pybus Market which has helped them sell 1,000 more season tickets this year. They very much want Wenatchee to be recognized as a "ski town".

Jeff Ostenson talked about the full length film documentary his company is making for the Ridge's 50th anniversary in 2016 called "50 Never Felt So Good". They are looking for people to pay \$15 for an advance ticket to the movie or to buy a CD of the future movie as a way to fund the project. Ostensen said they need about \$100,000. Their goal is that the movie will be aired on ESPN2 and Netflix.



Don Elliston trained Jim Haglund for a starring role at a Christmas Party in the 1980s.

with 52 signed up. Don't forget gifts - red bows, ribbon and/or wrapping for females; green bows, ribbon and/or wrapping for males.

- Because several WSU supporters

TIDDBITS



- There won't be a regular meeting next Wednesday, November 11th because of the Christmas Party that evening.

- Thanks in large part to the efforts of Jim Haglund, the Christmas Party will have an excellent turnout

"Couged" it in the Apple Cup, a 7-way tie for the lead (including Ryan O'Ralphie) has to be broken at the Christmas Party. It was another year where the star is Ryan O' - we may have to have Randy Z do the picking next year so his record won't be so hard to beat!

- The WNRotary sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Jan. 6 with Daryl Miller in charge. If you aren't going to provide a healthy donation, see him to volunteer as a worker.

- Greg Brown's ticket was drawn in the Half Potted drawing for \$27.

- NEXT UP -

The Christmas Party, of course!

North Poll editor for Dec. 11th is Steve Tidd