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So you thought you were rid of me



After 162+ issues of the *North Poll*, I threw in the towel on July 18, 2012 as editor. Not that I minded cranking out the *Poll*, it was simply prudent to move on *again* (ending at least my second stint as editor) with the time constraints of running two businesses, a three-week trip back to my roots in Norway and Germany a week away, not to mention wanting to spend as much time as possible with two young grandsons in West Seattle, it was time for someone else to be responsible for keeping WNRotarians up to snuff informed of what the hey was going on in the club as well as Rotary, in general.

At yesterday's meeting, Mahatma approached me to fill-in, on an interim basis (and I do mean INTERIM) to put out a few *North Poll*'s (not more than six!) until a committee of contributors could be organized. In a moment of weakness brought on by his sobbing pleas and criss-cross his heart pledge that this was a SHORT-TERM fix, I hesitantly consented.

So, this is issue number 163...not to exceed 169!



Harry Mertes
Memorial

RINO BOWL XXVI

Walker submits first entry in attempt to unseat last year's double-dipping RINO champion Tilly



With a bullseye painted on his backside, RINO Bowl participants have already begun to take aim at last year's peerless prognosticator, Earl Tilly, who double-dipped by not only picking the greatest number of losers, but also won the season ending drawing. Tilly, who championed for the Lutes of Pacific Lutheran, had his first challenger toe the

line - Oregon Quacker Brian Walker - who submitted entry number one of the 26th RINO Bowl competition.

Always keep in mind that the RINO Bowl - RINO Masters is a 'mini' fundraiser for college scholarships provided by WNRotary. It has helped the club expand from three scholarships when it was implemented to the thirteen awarded last year by generating \$62,148 (\$41,614 for scholarships, \$20,534 for prizes).

Not only do participants donate to a worthy cause, but they also have the opportunity to get a substantial return as did 'The Toiler' Tilly who won \$860 (plus others got lesser sums in return). So, be sure to enter yourself, and invite a relative or friend from outside of the club, to enter as well.

The deadline for entering is August 29, but Joey 'The Geek' Gaspers would love it if entries came in well before then so he won't have to spend Labor Day Weekend getting picks into his computer.

The kickoff game pits Jim Goodwin's Colorado Buffaloes against Scott Doerr's Colorado State Rams (Scott was an all-conference, albeit 'undersized', 6-6, 290 lb. tackle for the Rams) in a mile high showdown



BACKSIDE REVIEW

One of two neophyte WNRotarians, Kevin Vitulli, gave his classification talk at the August 7 meeting. Although new to Wenatchee North, Kevin isn't a freshly minted Rotarian having been a member of two clubs, most recently Redmond Rotary. He has come to Wenatchee to generate business for Banner Bank. Kevin is a member of the 30-year 'marriage club' thanks to a high level of tolerance by his better half, Joann (I apologize if that isn't really her name - this is off the top of my head).

The Vitulli's have two grown sons. Kevin was born in Kenmore and has pretty much stayed close to home with the good sense to attend and graduate from the University of Washington (Go, Dawgs!). He admitted that Wenatchee is somewhat out of his comfort zone...welcome to the club, Kevin!

Next up, Jim Haglund outlined an ongoing committee organizational effort to increase participation and help the club function more smoothly. He urged all members to sign-up and commit to take part when specific committees are finalized in two weeks.

TIDDBITS

- If you weren't at the July 31 meeting, you missed one of the spectacles of Rotary when Gordi Northrup and Don Schoening decided to forego a "high-five" greeting mandated by Mahatma, and instead attempted a chest bump. The effort, though, was an unavoidable belly-bounce. Finemaster Joe Gamboni couldn't help but note that each participant only cleared two inches in the air - he was being kind.

- Speaking of Don Schoening who has been a frequent visitor of late from the Yuma Rotary Club, some of the newer members may not realize that he was a charter member of Wenatchee North. Among his contributions to WNRotary were being instrumental in the formation of the NCW Sports Awards banquet, serving as the club's sixth president, and starting at

second base for the Wenatchee North Rinos legendary undefeated softball team.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR BARBEQUE...



A 'SHOE-IN'!

Cartoon from the *North Poll* when the Schoenings hosted the District Governor at their Dryden ranch for a BBQ.

Mahatma Deux Installation Barbeque August 14 at Rotary Park

Under the guidance of Jim Haglund, the long awaited *Mahatma Deux Installation Barbeque* will take the place of the regular WNR meeting. Be at Rotary Park at 6:00 or so for grilled burgers and/or brats. There'll be other stuff, too. Cost is a very nominal \$5 per head.

You'll hear Mahatma himself expound about what he thinks happened last year, and what he intends for WNRotary in year deux. Joe Gamboni promises a radio controlled dogfight featuring his two pet planes as well as an egg drop from on high. Martin Barron says he's going to beat his score of 404 achieved using a paper plate on the disk golf course the last time we met at the park. And last, but not least, John White will dazzle all with an exhibition of raw speed racing to get a second brownie baked by Earl.