



# Skookum Rendezvous Owners Association

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## SPECIAL WINTER 2019 ISSUE!

**T**his winter letter is our way of showing off what you are missing if you're not a winter resident. So far (middle of February) it has been most pleasant. The snow has never reached more than a few inches, and our spirits are high. Through our pictures you will see that we've had fun parties, and daily fun with indoor and outdoor activities. Living fulltime at Skookum has been an excellent example of what can be accomplished when people put their heads and hands together to improve our piece of heaven. It is more than the beauty, the camaraderie, or the weather. It has been the most treasured part of our lives.

Once again we want to thank the members of the board and all the volunteers who, with their hands and tools, keep this place so special. Of special attention our gratitude goes to the man who clears our roads and passageways of snow, so we can do our daily work. John Cameron, take a bow.

Five years ago we re-instigated the Skookum Newsletter. During this time we strived to make it informational, humorous, inventive and non-controversial. Hopefully we achieved that goal. Of special note we endeavored to introduce new members, discovering many hidden talents. However the impressive amount of new sales, forced us to introduce only a few.

Now, as the sun sets on another season we are ready to pass the torch on to new Editors. It's time to share the pleasure we've had in meeting and discovering more about the members of our wonderful community. We have enjoyed five years of bringing to you current progress on conditions and developments in the park and wish to thank all who submitted articles and updates on their committees.

This is our penultimate letter (We hate the word last). Thanks to all of you for being kind and tolerant.

We love you all,

**Maureen & Danny Motola**  
Newsletter Editors



## Skookum Rendezvous

### Christmas Eve

**Silent Night** - sung in Spanish by Danny, later in German by Kathy Baird, accompanied by Steve, in both languages.

**'Twas the Night Before Christmas**, recited by Ron Baird  
**Even the moose is smiling!**



*'Twas the night before Christmas when all through the Lodge,  
Not a creature was stirring especially the Moose.  
Of course there was laughter and sounds of good cheer,  
For who could be somber when Christmas was near.*

*The presents were tempting, to be opened soon,  
We eyed them with fear of the frog harpoon.*

*But that's another story.*

**OUTDOOR SPORTS  
WORK & PLAY**



**WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM  
OUR FRIENDS!**

## INDOOR SPORTS

On-going activities include:

Sun—Sat (Rain or Shine) —Walking

M/W/F — Water aquatics

Mon—Krafty ladies

Tues— Will bowling

Wed— Ham Radio roll call

Thurs—Taco Night at the VA

Fri—Mexican Train



Each Wednesday @ 7:00 pm Tom Sutton, (Mountain Goat) initiates our Ham Radio roll-call with 14 members checking-in during the winter.



Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better,  
to paint a picture, write a letter,  
bake a cake, or plant a seed,  
ponder the difference between want and need.

Dust if you must but there is not much time,  
with rivers to swim and mountains to climb,  
music to hear and books to read,  
friends to cherish and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there,  
the sun in your eyes, the wind in your hair,  
a flutter of snow, a shower of rain,  
this day will not come around again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind,  
old age will come and it's not kind.  
And when you go, as go you must,  
You, yourself, will make more dust!

## OTHER HAPPENINGS

January 19—Walt can't wait for their new park model to be delivered. Takes situation into his own hands!



February 4—"We are so.. ready!"  
Finally, it's here.



February 7— River freezing 4° F  
COLD!



February 8— Rob Hertzog on  
frozen Lake Guinevere  
And COLDER!



LINKS  
AREA AMENITIES & HISTORY

**CURRENT COMMUNITY EVENTS:**  
**Northwoods Performing Arts:**  
[www.circlemoon.webs.com](http://www.circlemoon.webs.com)  
**49deg ski events:** <http://ski49n.com>  
**Community links:** [www.newport-wa.org](http://www.newport-wa.org)  
**Community calendar:**  
[www.newportareachamber.com](http://www.newportareachamber.com)  
**Create arts:** [www.createarts.org](http://www.createarts.org)

**CONGRATULATIONS to Walt Hughes**

Two of his photos were selected by the  
Pend Oreille PUD to go into their 2019 Calendar.

Be sure to pick up a free calendar from the PUD  
Office in Newport—you'll recognize the  
October photo.

**DEFINITIONS**

**BEAUTY PARLOUR**

A place where women curl up and dye.

**CHICKENS**

The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

**COMMITTEE**

A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

**DUST**

Mud with the juice squeezed out.

**EGOTIST**

Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

**HANDKERCHIEF**

Cold Storage.

**INFLATION**

Cutting money in half without damaging the paper .

**MOSQUITO**

An insect that makes you like flies better.

**RAISIN**

A grape with a sunburn.

**SECRET**

Something you tell to one person at a time.

**SKELETON**

A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

**TOOTHACHE**

The pain that drives you to extraction.

**TOMORROW**

One of the greatest Labor saving devices of today.

**YAWN**

An honest opinion openly expressed.

**WRINKLES**

Something other people have, Similar to my character lines.

**Diane Shanz**, our resident Chef, EMT, FD Volunteer for District 6, Editor and publisher for the District's cookbook—titled **Firehouse Eats**, has to get up really early to bake these Scones.



I'm from tech support.  
I'm here to delete your cookies



**See You in the Spring**

**Mo & Danny Motola**

