



The GRASS STRIP!

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Blue Ribbon Farms Newsletter

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Irrigation Festival at Blue Ribbon Farms



May 10th was the start of the exciting adventure to improve the condition of our airstrip. Many folks turned out in support of the efforts of the pilot committee to install a new irrigation system. It was a real Glue and Goo party!

There was good spirit of cooperation and accomplishment as we worked to complete what we had committed to do. During the early hours of the first day we discovered that the trencher was under-powered for the soil conditions. Jay Sakas came to the rescue with a much larger machine that moved the project ahead with turbine speed. The Ditch Witch was delivered by Vision Nursery on Kitchen-Dick Road and made it possible to complete the ditching by the end of the second day.

Additionally Jim Cone and Terry Everts applied 1,000 pounds of fertilizer to the runway. With the help of the new irrigation system the fertilizer was watered into the soil to enrich the growth of the runway grass.

On-going effort is required to complete the first phase. There has been some settling of the soil and several sprinkler heads have needed adjustment.

The second phase, the installation of a 7.5 horse power electric pump, is moving forward now. Mr. Bruchner of the Ditch Company has approved the use of water from the irrigation pond at the east end of the airport. PUD has been contacted for pricing to install power to the pump. Donations from our pilots will be used to purchase the equipment required to complete the remaining work. There is still much to be done.

We are very thankful for any support we can receive toward the completion of this project.

The Pilot Committee received **\$2,915.00** in donations!

Thanks to the generosity of many Association members and the hard work of the following men, phase one of our new irrigation system is a bang-up success!

Jim Cone, James Duff, George Franchini, Don Gillette, Bob McCrorie, Jonathan (McCrorie's employee), Glenn Powell, Jay Sakas, Ralph Trefney, Lonny Bierman (Trefney's son), John Wilson.

Blue Ribbon Annual Picnic Food, Fun, Flying

The annual Blue Ribbon Farms picnic will be held at Jim & Bev Cone's home, 165 Tyler View Place, again this year. The date is August 23rd. It will start at Noon and run until ??? This is a potluck picnic and BBQ. Bring a covered dish to share and whatever meat you want to BBQ. The theme will be planes and flying.

Plane rides will be available to those who want to take a flight around the area. Bring your cameras. This is a great way to meet our new neighbors and renew old friendships. See you there.

Place: 165 Tyler View Place

Date: August 23 Time: Noon to ???

Retired Board Members

Terry Everts

Served as Secretary and chaired the Pilot Committee for three years.

John McFall

Served as Board Member for three years.

A big thank you for the generosity of your time and your dedication to the benefit of our community.

Current Board of Directors

Chairman: Jim Cone

Co-Chair: Ken Young

Secretary: Jay Sakas

Treasurer: Patti Minor

Co-Treasurer: Mary Young

Member: John Cuny

Member and Pilot Committee: Ralph Trefney



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GRASS & WEEDS... WEEDS & GRASS

The arrival of summer brings the reminder that property owners need to make arrangements to have their lots mowed and noxious weeds eliminated. As more and more homes are built in our neighborhood, it has become cost- and time-prohibitive for area farmers to cut and bale property lots; thus, it has fallen on each individual property owner to arrange mowing of their lots.

The local yellow pages advertise the following for field mowing:

Bob Darling Tractor Service 360-457-0369;

Custom Lawn Care 360-457-8747;

Maintenance Plus 360-460-9928.

And there's those pesky noxious weeds to deal with! Under the state weed law, landowners are responsible for the removal of Class A and the control of Class B designated noxious weeds on their property. No specific method of control is required; the landowner may choose whatever cultural, mechanical, chemical, or biological method that obtains the desired result.

REBATE NEWS!! When a landowner buys chemicals or bio-control agents to control any plant on the state weed list, Clallam County can reimburse them up to half of the cost. The property needs to be inspected both before and after control is carried out, and some restrictions may apply.

For more details about this Cost-Share program, please call the Noxious Weed office at 360-417-2442.

Clallam County has a great website regarding noxious weeds: www.clallam.net/weedcontrol

Please donate unused chemicals to the Association!

Bidding farewell to a Grass Strip staff member

Margie Crofoot has been a valued contributor to The Grass Strip since the July, 2000 edition. Margie helped expand the newsletter by adding more pictures, announcements and articles. She was always on hand to help collate, fold, and stuff envelopes as each edition was prepared for mailing.

Margie says: "I'm going to miss everyone. Putting an issue together was challenging and fun. It was a great opportunity to meet lots of new people as I got to do the interview stories."

There is a For Sale sign in front of Jim and Margie's house. When the house sells they plan to have a huge moving sale and then take off in their 5th wheel for an extended tour of the United States and Canada.

We're going to miss you, Margie!

Thank you for all you have done to make The Grass Strip the interesting and informative newsletter it is today!

We wish you both Happy Trails.

Youth Camp on Kitchen-Dick Road

Although not in our immediate neighborhood, just 2½ miles south on Kitchen-Dick Road, the King's Way Four-square Church has been granted a youth camp for 84 overnight campers. The initial request was for camp occupancy of 350 with 22 cabins for overnights.

Over the past months, public hearings were held on the issue, with concerns raised about noise, area amphitheater, fire protection, water rights, sewage treatment, groundwater and storm water runoff, and land value concerns for area residents. On the 16.4-acre site, the County has approved 7 cabins, hours of operation 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., ball field, climbing wall, volleyball court, obstacle course and amphitheater. Rejected was a proposal for six RV sites. The County will require the church to install hydrants, water reservoir, commercial on-site sewage disposal permit, water table monitoring, water right amendment for a drilled well, food establishment plan, and a swimming pool facility permit.

Blue Ribbon Farms web site

We have continued to have server problems in spite of the promises to make the service more reliable. We are looking into alternatives, but the future of the web site is uncertain at this time. Changing servers would generate expenses beyond the initial donation and, unfortunately, there was minimal response to our request to help save on postage, leaving us with little justification to continue the site at additional cost. Your comments are welcome.

New to the Neighborhood

Dave and Margaret Adkins, 135 Buckhorn

Dave and Margaret purchased an Integrity Home in late October, 2002. Dave is employed by the Department of Interior's Bureau of Reclamation as the Resident Construction Engineer on the Elwha River Ecosystem Restoration Project. Marge has the unending task of establishing and maintaining their new home. After transferring to the Sequim area, they stumbled upon the house; liked the floor plan and the area; tasted the water and found it to be excellent; considered the surrounding community and decided that this was where they want to live. They collect early American pottery and sell items on the internet.

NEW TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD CONTINUES**Paul Jones and Kathleen McCoy-Jones, Buckhorn**

Paul and Kathleen bought an undeveloped lot on Buckhorn from Spector in late October, 2002. Now they are building this beauty.

**Gary and Anne Terrel, 204 Buckhorn**

Gary and Anne moved from San Diego, CA. to their new home in late January, 2003.

Larry and Colleen Keen, 200 Buckhorn

Larry and Colleen purchased their home from Wielenga in June, 2002. They were long-time residents of Redmond, WA., but their love of camping and hiking on the Peninsula brought them to Blue Ribbon Farms. Larry works at home, on contract with Microsoft, solving data-base problems. Colleen is a retired Broker from the real estate business.

**Dick and Nancy Watson, 131 Buckhorn**

Dick and Nancy purchased their new home in January, 2003. Dick is retired from quality control for Hall Surgical, has experience as a lab technician and Air Force radar operator. Nancy is retired from the Santa Barbara County Probation Department. Glowing articles about Sequim and a Port Angeles relative helped them decide on Blue Ribbon Farms. They have seven grown children. Decorating and landscaping are currently keeping them busy.

Steven and Madonna Peterson, Greywolf

Steve and Madonna bought an undeveloped lot on Greywolf from Mickey Sexton in December, 2002. They have started construction of a shop, and plan to build a new home. Steve is retired from the construction business, enjoys building, landscaping, fishing and the outdoors. Madonna operates a tax preparation business, keeps current with tax law, education in tax preparation, and enjoys ceramics. They currently live in Dungeness Estates and look forward to the open space of Blue Ribbon Farms.

Terence and Elaine Samphire, 415 Greywolf

Terence and Elaine moved to the U.S. from England. Terence is a retired manager from Boeing; is into computers, photography, golfing and web site development. Elaine is retired from bookkeeping; likes gardening, hiking, reading and bird watching.

**David and Margie Woodcock, 402 Greywolf**

David and Margie live in Sammamish, WA., and have plans to retire at Blue Ribbon Farms in a few years. Their hangar is looking finished now and they intend to start building their new home this year. David flies a Husky and a Seafire, an amphibious tractor airplane seen on the airstrip occasionally.

Mark Grime and Linda Sweda, Greywolf

Mark and Linda purchased the Lambricht property on Greywolf in late December, 2002.

The GRASS STRIP! welcomes Glenn Powell as our newest contributor.

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