



# RHYC

## anchor watch



### Cruise Report

#### *Change of Bridge*

On the evening of Saturday, November 4, RHYC celebrated the Change of Bridge with cocktails, dinner, dancing, gifts and awards all with a bit of elegance and fanfare. Once again this year we enjoyed the hospitality and charm of the College Club of Seattle. Those attending were: Bob & Lois Allison, Ed & Misti Allison, Scott & Leilani Alprin, Mike & Patty Barile, Don Bennett, Jim & Peg Cannon, Nat & Linda Collier and guest Diane Wendt, Bill & Kay Connell, Chuck & Dorothy Cooper, Terry & Denise Day and guests Michael & Jill Betts, Glen & Liz Dodge, Steve & Sandy Driscoll, Ted & Shirley Elder, Richard & Sharla Freese, Jim & Karen Gregg, Ken & Julie Hammerquist, Jeff & Angie Kroeller, Mark & Jan LaFountaine, Jerry & Joanne LaRusso, Dave & Linda Leonard, Bob & Verna Maruska, Jim & Cheryl Matheson, David & Mary Mehlum, Neil & Noreen Millen, Tom & Chris Miner, Dave & Kate Oglevie, Tom & Dione Permenter, Jerry & Julie Podgorski, Robert & Janie Rath, Phil & Anne Marie

Ruenert, Ty Rice & Marlene Wallace, Craig Smith & guest, Doug & Gail Stewart, Mickey & Sara Swett, Cecil Tice, Gary & Lenore Timm, and Don & Carolyn Whatmore.

After an early Board Meeting and set up of the decorations by spouses of the bridge under the supervision of the decorations chairperson Julie Hammerquist, the evening began with a cocktail reception. The semiannual business meeting followed after which the bridge of 2006 was dismissed by Past Commodore Jim Cannon. This was followed by the installation of the 2007 Bridge by Past Commodore Doug Stewart. Your new bridge consists of Commodore Jim Matheson, Vice Commodore Don Whatmore, Rear Commodore Steve Driscoll, Secretary Liz Dodge, Treasurer Jeff Kroeller and Fleet Captain Anne Marie Reunert.

At this point we retired to the dining area where the team headed by Linda Collier and Julie Hammerquist had produced an elegant table setting for our enjoyment. The club served a wonderful meal

of Prime Rib, Salmon or Chicken Florentine, followed by a lovely cheesecake dessert and coffee. As we were finishing there was a time of recognition of folks who gave to the club in terms of time and effort to make it the club we love. We recognized recruiters, cruise captains and volunteers who each do so much. And of course we didn't forget to recognize those who got caught in some minor upset, the rubber ducky's, golden shovel and screw up awards. They always bring great glee to those not receiving them. A final perpetual gift was passed along from Past Commodore Nat Collier to Commodore Jim Matheson; a musical bowling ball/aperitif set that plays "Anchors Aweigh".

Our DJ Michael Sharp kept up a great mix of music until about 11 PM and the dance floor was crowded most of the time. I'm sure that a few people had a bit of a time getting out of bed on Sunday morning.

Nat & Linda Collier  
Cruise Captains

#### **Awards and Special Recognitions**

##### **Honor Roll - Cruise Captains**

Kim and Paula Cimmery  
Pete and Pat Clarke  
Nat and Linda Collier  
Val and Don Cotey  
Tim and Carolyn DeCook  
Glen and Liz Dodge  
Ted and Shirley Elder  
Phil and Debbie Freund  
Patrick and Miriam Gill  
Jack and Therese Gordon  
J and Peg Grady  
Ron and Candy Johnson  
Don and Jane Janus  
Pertis and Gloria Johnson  
Ron and Candy Johnson  
Dave and Linda Leonard  
John and Jeanne Lloyd  
Bob and Verna Maruska  
Joanne Martinson  
Wendy and Larry Meyers  
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Neil and Noreen Millen  
Tom and Chris Miner  
Steve and Michelle Nelson  
Bob and Linda O'Connor  
Anne Marie and Phil Reunert  
Willard and Diane Thomas  
Don and Carolyn Whatmore

##### **Honor Roll - Recruiting and sponsoring new members**

Dan Ahrendt and Mary Weiler  
Ed Allison  
Robert Anderson  
Paul Bennett  
Ray and Sue Biggs  
John and DeAnne Brennis  
John Brennis  
Nat Collier  
Chuck Cooper  
Don Cotey  
Tim DeCook  
Glen Dodge  
Phil and Debbie Freund  
Jack Gordon  
Ken Hammerquist  
Ron Johnson  
Mark LaFontaine  
Dan and Raye Loshe  
Jim and Cheryl Matheson  
Terry and Carol McAdams  
Andy McDonald  
Paul Meshke  
Larry and Wendy Meyers  
Bob Mihailov  
Don Paxton  
Gene Paxton  
Dave Robinson  
Jim Stutz  
Willard Thomas  
Don and Carolyn Whatmore

##### **Rubber Ducky's -**

Karl Tussy, Bill Severson, Jan LaFontaine, Michelle Nelson, and Noreen Millen

##### **Golden Shovel - Brad Stutz**

##### **Screw Up Award - Linda Collier**

##### **Webmaster - Ken Hammerquist**

##### **Anchor Watch Editor - Christine Stewart**

##### **Roster Chairman - Candace Brooks**



### *Apple Cup Chili Cook-off*

On November 18<sup>th</sup> 57 RHYC members and guests gathered at the SYC Outstation at the Elliot Bay Marina for the Apple Cup Transom Party and Chili Kickoff/Cook-off Party. No one went home hungry as there were 17 different Chili's, 1 clam chowder, salad, lots of Apple desserts and an assortment of other snacks. Special thanks go to David Lewis who brought the refreshments directly from Germany where he was recently deployed; and Duane Waltos who made the arrangements for our use of the Seattle Yacht Club's outstation. Mary and Dave Mehlum provided an excellent assortment of raffle prizes. After dinner the group sat down to watch the Purple and Gold battle the Crimson and Gray. As the score went back and forth there were cheers and jeers. In the end the Purple Dawg chased the Crimson Cat down the street. Those dressed like the cat slinked away from the good natured ribbing.

Our Chili judging team of Jim Matheson, Steve Driscoll, and Doug Stewart tasted and re-tasted to come up with 5 semi finalists. Then through careful judging, recorded detailed scoring sheet, the finalist were selected. First Place: Gina Steenerson won a 7 Qt Crock Pot. Second Place: Angie Kroeller won a Chili mug set, and Third Place: David Mehlum won a Vodka tasting kit. Congratulations to all.

Attendees included: Dan and Mary Ahrendt, Ed and Misti Allison and daughter and son-in-law, Jill Betts (Assoc Appl), Brad and Lynn Cameron (Pub Appl), Nat and Linda Collier, Denese Day, Glen and Liz Dodge, Jan Dorshkind, Steve and Sandy Driscoll, Ted and Shirley Elder, Jim and Karin Gregg, Richard and Nany Karr (Pub Appl), Ed and Shirley Klein, Jeff and Angie Kroeller, Dave and Linda Leonard, David and Diane Lewis, Dan and Raye Loshe, Joanne Martinson, Jim and Cheryl Matheson, Dave and Mary Mehlum, Neil and Noreen Millen with guests Kenny Spieker and Cindy Sleighter, Bill and Janel Moffet, Dave and Kate Olgevie, Robert and Janey Rath, Ty Rice and Marlene Wallace with guest Jim Boyle, Byron and Gina Steenerson (wait list appl), Doug Stewart, Greg and Barb Swain, Duane Waltos, and Don and Carolyn Whatmore



## **N**ew Applicants

*Pat and Terri Livingston  
Allyn, WA  
Associate*

*Sponsors: Terry & Denese Day and Gil & Diane Fetzner*

## **N**ew Members

Please welcome the following new members to RHYC:

*Jerry LaRusso  
Kent, WA*

*2002 48' Navigator  
Serena*

*Sponsored by: Ron & Candy Johnson and Don Whatmore*

*Michael and Jill Betts  
Bremerton, WA*

*Associate Members*

*Sponsored by: Terry & Denese Day and Gil & Diane Fetzner*

## **C**ommodore Report

As we enter the Christmas Holiday Season I am reminded that we are truly blessed to live in the Puget Sound region with the most outstanding boating possibilities on the planet.

Hopefully on my journey to become your Commodore for this coming year I have learned enough to serve you well for the 2007 Boating Season.

Cheryl and I look forward with pleasure to working with our members this coming year to help make this another fine year of cruising with friends.

We again have a very talented and strongly devoted Bridge this year and we will all work hard to uphold the tradition of excellence that has made our club one of the finest cruising clubs in the country.

There are some recent changes that you should be aware of.

1. Ann Marie Reunert has decided to step down as Fleet Captain to spend full time becoming a

new mother. We thank Ann Marie for her fine work in developing a preliminary cruise schedule with a fine selection of cruise Captains.

2. It is my pleasure to announce that Tom Miner has accepted the position of Fleet Captain for 2007. Tom comes to this position with many years of boating experience. Please join me in welcoming Tom to this very important position in our cruising club.
3. The College Club has just announced that they have sold their building so we cannot have the change of bridge at the College Club in 2007. We are on a serious hunt for a replacement facility that will have the same Grace and Charm as the College Club at a bargain price. The college Club only charged \$150 for the use of all of the rooms of the club for the evening. As soon as we have a new location we will let you know.

For all of the newer members please know that the key to our success as a Varsity Cruising Yacht Club is for all of the members to make every effort to put positive energy into the club and you will get a good deal more returned in enjoyment and satisfaction.

If you have not participated in running a cruise yet, I urge you to contact Tom Miner about participating in running a cruise. It will return to you great benefits in getting to know other members of the club and enhance your enjoyment of the club activities.

Thanks to Glen and Liz Dodge and all of their helpers for arranging a wonderful Apple Cup event. A special thanks to Dave Lewis for delivering great refreshments all the way from Germany and to all of you Chili professionals for the main dish of the evening.

The only thing that could possibly have been a bit better was the outcome of the Game.

See you all in the coming New Year.

Jim Matheson  
Commodore

## Vice Commodore Report

I am excited with my new position, and as your

Membership Chairman. I will continue to look for ideas and suggestions from you, our members.

Due to the prestigious status of our great club and the enjoyment we all have together, we are still getting new boaters and friends signing with enthusiasm onto our established Waiting List. This is a tribute to the Club operations and fine Members. We now have 21 candidates on our Waiting List, after recently removing 13 to become new Applicants. Most of those 13 have since been "Voted in" as Members. I welcome all of you that are now new Members. They say it was worth the wait. We also have a few new "Associate" Applicants in the works.

Carolyn and I will press ahead with effort to keep RHYC aimed in the positive direction and help create an enjoyable experience for all our members and applicants.

Have a Merry Christmas and see you at our "New Year's Eve" Party.

Don Whatmore  
Vice Commodore

## Rear Commodore Report

I am delighted to have the opportunity to continue the excellent work of Don Whatmore and his predecessors in developing our reciprocal club arrangements and in taking care of our outstation locations. I look forward to hearing from our esteemed members their ideas for new reciprocal arrangements, and ideas and comments supporting the smooth operation of our outstations for as many members as possible.

Following some phone calls from the harbormaster at Bremerton, I will take this opportunity to remind members that the RHYC space at Bremerton is maintained for members of yacht clubs which have reciprocal arrangements with us. It is NOT available for moorage of RHYC members. If you need a berth, use the Bremerton Boating Club reciprocal. Your cooperation is, as always, appreciated.

Please feel free to send an email or note if you have some problems or issues needing attention, or even better, ideas on how to improve the members' us-

age and enjoyment of the great facilities available through your membership. I look forward to hearing from you, and serving you, in 2007.

Steve Driscoll  
Rear Commodore

## Secretary Report

I am honored and excited to take on the job of Secretary for this club.

One of my jobs is to make sure that the Anchor Watch is published on a regular basis. With the help and publishing skills of Christine Stewart I think we are in good hands. Along those lines I would also like to encourage members to let me know of anything special that they would like to see published in this newsletter. Send in your thoughts, ideas, concerns, photographs from club events, special stories (remember the one about the Stow away Raccoon last summer), Dock Talk, Recipes (more on that later in this issue), and let's make this a great newsletter that we just can't wait to read each month.

Again, I'm looking forward to a great year serving as your secretary.

Happy Holidays

Liz Dodge  
Secretary

## Treasurer Report

I am very excited and grateful for the opportunity to serve this great club as your Treasurer. I will do my best to fulfill the duties of the position proudly. Thanks to the efforts of our two term Treasurer Steve Driscoll, the transition is off to a smooth start and the club is in sound financial shape.

Aside from the day to day functions of the position, my first order of business will be the task of collecting dues for 2007. I hope that as your personal letter arrives in the mail, you will smile and think of me with only the kindest thoughts.

Letters will come out in mid December so I will convey my plea now for you to remit your dues in as timely a manner as possible. In accordance with

the rules established by the Bridge in 2005, dues not remitted by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007 will be considered delinquent. Notices will then go out by mail or e-mail when possible. Members who have not remitted by February 28<sup>th</sup> will have their names removed from the membership list so please do not delay. Your cooperation and understanding is much appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you all as we embark on a new year of cruising with the best club on the water.

Happy Holidays

Jeff Kroeller  
Treasurer

## Fleet Captain Report

2006

The 2006 Cruising calendar is drawing to a close. Let's all look back and reminisce about the great times we had at each of the cruises. I would also like to offer my thanks again to our cruise captains.

New Years 2006 - Don & Carolyn Whatmore  
January - Anne Marie & Phil Reunert  
Feb - Bob & Linda O'Connor, and Pertis & Gloria Johnson  
March - Tim & Carolyn Decook, Kim & Paula Cimmery, and John & Jeanne Lloyd  
April - Bob & Verna Maruska, Ted & Shirley Elder, Pete & Pat Clarke  
May - Don & Jane Janus, and Dave & Linda Leonard  
May - Neil & Noreen Millen, Don & Carolyn Whatmore, Patrick & Miriam Gill  
June - Glen & Liz Dodge, and Ron & Candy Johnson  
July - Jack & Therese Gordon, Ron & Candy Johnson, and Glen & Liz Dodge  
Aug - 100 yr CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION - Joanne Martinson, Wendy & Larry Meyers, and Patrick & Miriam Gill  
Sept - Tom & Chris Miner, Steve & Michelle Nelson, and Phil & Debbie Freund  
Oct - Wine Country - Wendy Meyers  
Oct - Willard & Diane Thomas, J & Peg Grady, and Val & Don Cotey  
Nov COB - Nat & Linda Collier  
Nov - Glen & Liz Dodge

Please thank all of the above individually when

you next see them and please thank each of next year's cruise captains when you attend your future cruises.

The 15 cruises/events held during 2006, were well attended approximately 1,097 members and guests, and 321 boats which represents 13,386 feet of boat. That's an average of 73 people and 32 boats per cruise enjoying time together throughout the year.

Liz and I had a fantastic time setting up the cruises, working with the cruise captains, and most of all having all of you enjoy yourselves throughout the year. We look forward to the next year and the next, and the next.

Glen Dodge  
Fleet Captain 2006

### 2007

Our new Commodore is a good salesman! He somehow convinced me to accept the job of Fleet Captain despite the fact that right up to the moment I said yes I was convincing myself that there was no way I could say yes. No way would I have the time, no way was I going to make every cruise, no way was I ready to take on such an important job for the club. But Jim being Jim, I found myself saying yes much to the dismay of my wife and our good buddies the Dodge's who just finished doing the job and warned me of all the many little time consuming details involved in performing the job of Fleet Captain. Not sure what I have done but I did it and so it's time to jump in with both feet and "get er done"!

My first job is to make sure we have a committed and dedicated group of cruise captains lined up. I have a long list of people who succumbed to Anne Marie's charm and agreed to lead a cruise. I will be contacting each of you in the next few days to confirm that you are in fact on board as cruise captains for the 2007 cruising year. Chris and I were cruise captains for the first time on the Port Ludlow wagon wheel in September. We were certainly nervous during the lead up to the cruise and during the event but when it was over we were excited and pleased to have been a part of a fun and rewarding weekend with a great bunch of people. What a great way to get to know all the different and interesting people that make up the Roche Harbor Yacht Club.

My second job it to nail down the schedule and make sure we have a place for every cruise and room for every member who wants to attend. We have a couple of dates that are still uncertain so we are not ready to publish the entire schedule now but we do have a few events coming up in the next few months.

The Ice Breaker is January 28th at McCormick and Schmick's on Lake Union. Paul Meshke is our Cruise Captain and he would like an assistant. Would one of you be so kind as to step up and assist Paul with this fun event? If so, please contact Tom at [skipatrol-tom@yahoo.com](mailto:skipatrol-tom@yahoo.com)

The Sweetheart Brunch is February 18th at the Tacoma Yacht Club

Our March cruise is the first boating event and it is scheduled for March 16-18 but the location is not firm. More to come in the very near future. Our cruise Captain Dave Mehlum and I will be working diligently to firm up the plan for that fun weekend. It looks like Dave needs someone to step up and help him as an assistant Cruise Captain so I will be seeking volunteers in the next few weeks for that.

April 27 & 28 will be in Poulsbo and is the annual Business meeting. This is a change in dates as we lost our original reservations with the marina through no fault of our own. We are still working on a location for the actual business meeting and Jim and I looked at a very fine facility that we hope to have confirmed by the first week in December.

May 4&5 is opening day in the Mountlake Cut. Jim reminded me only after I accepted the job of fleet captain that I would have to find a blue blazer and white pants for that event, I tried to resign on the spot but he refused to accept and told me to buck up and stop whining.

May 25 - 28 is a return to Oak Harbor with Noreen and Neil Millen and Don and Carolyn Whatmore as our Cruise captains.

June 29-July 1 is the next cruise to a location to be announced.

July 4th falls in the middle of the week and so this year there will not be an official club activity on that holiday, you are on your own for a change, consider it your independence day!

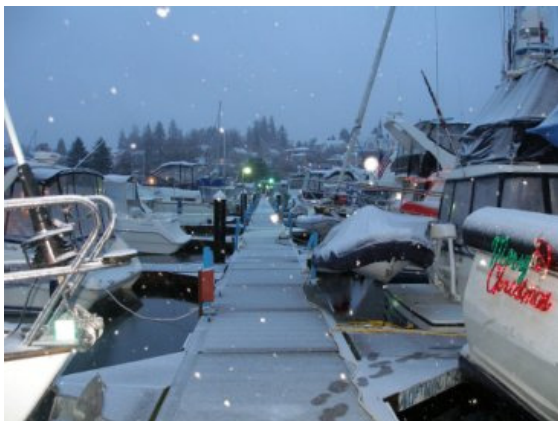
The next event will be the return to Roche Harbor on August 3-5 for the colors cruise.

Yep, you read it right; there will be no scheduled club event in July. Since most of us will be cruising somewhere in July and there is only five weeks between the June 29 cruise and the August 3 cruise, we decided to not squeeze in another club event in July.

As soon as I confirm all of the cruise captains, the dates and locations I will get the schedule published and out to all members so you can post it on your cruising calendar.

I hope everyone is enjoying the holidays and getting a boating fix when and where you can.

We were out with Matheson's, Dodge's and Mehlum's after Thanksgiving and enjoyed the cold, snowy and yes windy weekend making it home just in front of the heaviest snow. Snow on the deck makes for an interesting time but cruising in a snow storm beats driving in a snow storm any day.



Looking forward to a fun filled year as your Fleet Captain.

Tom Miner  
Fleet Captain

## Galley Gourmet

Cocktail hour, the day of arrival on a club cruise, has become a longstanding popular tradition. The smorgasbord of appetizers, cocktails and entertaining boating stories is a great way to kick off a weekend of fun. Inevitably, someone will bring a dish that is so good you just have to have the recipe. Over the last couple of summers I have been known to ask for a few of those recipes....I

thought..."wouldn't it be great to put together a Cookbook?" I mentioned it to a few members to see if there was any interest and the response was overwhelming!

So the RHYC Cookbook is born! Well, let's say incubating. We still need more recipes to make it worth while. Appetizers, soups, salads, deserts, cocktails, main courses you name it just send your favorites and we will include it.

Since it may take a while to put it together for publishing, we thought it would be nice to feature a submitted recipe every month. Thanks to Liz and Christine, you will now find a new section in the Newsletter called "Galley Gourmet".

If you would like to contribute, please send your recipes to Angie Kroeller. My e-mail address is [Kroeller@verizon.net](mailto:Kroeller@verizon.net) If you prefer, send them in the mail. 309 119<sup>th</sup> Drive S.E., Lake Stevens, WA 98258.

Thank you to those who have so generously shared their favorite recipes already! Please keep them coming!

### Baked Brie with Apples and Cranberries Submitted by Chris Miner

- 1 small/med round Brie
- ½ apple chopped
- ¼ cup dried cranberries
- ¼ cup sliced almonds
- 1 T packed brown sugar
- ½ t cinnamon
- 1 T butter melted

Cut Brie in half (horizontally), put ½ rind side down on oven proof bakeware. Mix remaining ingredients. Sprinkle ½ mixture over cheese and replace top (rind side up), sprinkle remaining mixture on top. Bake 10 - 15 minutes at 350 degrees or until cheese is beginning to melt.

Serve warm with toasted bread, crackers, or apple wedges

## Anchor Watch News

### Paper or Cyber?

Currently the club prints and mails about 135 hard copies of the Anchor Watch each month. Only a

few of these members don't have web access. While we are happy to mail copies to those who need it, please help us make the Anchor Watch easier and more economical to produce.

Making the Anchor Watch available on our website for you to read and print at your discretion is the best way for the club to save time and money. If you can live without getting a hard copy via US Mail, please send an email to me at [Secretary@RHYC.org](mailto:Secretary@RHYC.org) or [dodger@ix.netcom.com](mailto:dodger@ix.netcom.com) or simply give me a call indicating your name and desire to OPT OUT.

## Sunshine Lady

Congratulations to Thom and Dione (Murray) Permenter, on their recent marriage.



**Icebreaker**  
**January 28, 2007**

**McCormick & Schmicks Harborside**  
**1200 Westlake Ave N. Seattle**

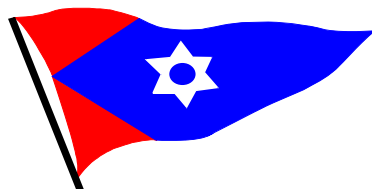
**No Host Cocktails 9:30**  
**Brunch 10:00**

**\$26 per person**

**Don't miss out on the fun**  
**Reserve your spot NOW**

Contact Paul Meshke 425 277 9398  
Email [pmeshke1@comcast.net](mailto:pmeshke1@comcast.net)

The poster features a blue and red flag with a white star on a blue field in the top left corner. The background of the poster is a photograph of a vast, flat landscape covered in ice under a blue sky.



**ROCHE HARBOR YACHT CLUB**  
**4th ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**  
**EVERETT YACHT CLUB CLUBHOUSE**

RHYC Members & Guests are Invited to attend the "RHYC / EYC" New Year's Eve Party on Dec. 31st 2006. The Port of Everett has authorized plenty of Dock Space for us right in front of the Club House. For those who choose to come by Car, we have arrangements at the Port Gardner Inn close to the Club House.

We also invite you to visit our Boat "Emerald 1" for a Cocktail Party on New Year's Day. Wine & "hors d' oeuvres" provided, Satellite TV Dish too. Come & Go or Stay at your will. By "Land or Sea" come join in on the Fun and be sure to tell your friends too!!!!

**Great Music, Great Food, Great Friends**  
**Gourmet Dinner Provided By Chef Erwin**  
**Music Provided by "Craig Lawrence Band"**  
**Special RHYC 100 year Anniversary Presentation**  
**Keep-sake 100th anniversary etched Wine Glasses**  
**Inexpensive Drinks**  
**Portraits Available**  
**Champagne Toast**  
**Fanfare, Hats, Horns, Etc.**

**The Cost of the Evening is Only \$150.00 per Couple**

**Make Checks Payable to: Everett Yacht Club**  
**Reserve & Send Checks to Don Whatmore**  
**11445 60th Ave. S.**  
**Seattle, WA. 98178**  
**(206) 725-4805**

# Upcoming Cruises



**December 31**  
 New Years Eve Party  
 Everett Yacht Club

**January 28**  
 Ice Breaker  
 McCormick & Schmick's

**February 18**  
 Sweetheart Brunch  
 Tacoma Yacht Club

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 Jim Matheson .....425-271-4989

**Vice Commodore**  
 Don Whatmore .....206-725-4805

**Rear Commodore**  
 Steve Driscoll.....425-638-0142

**Treasurer**  
 Jeff Kroller.....425-335-3473

**Secretary**  
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 Tom Miner.....253-255-7930

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