

Board Meeting Minutes for 22 Jan 2020

Meeting called to order 18:48

Attendees:

mc3cats, Chris Brue, President. Merchandise Mgr
squirrel50, Deb Cox, Treasurer
Terrible Ts, Jim Tollefson, Secretary

Winos_Seattle, Antoine Pin, Puget Sound Chapter Rep
crs98, Cliff Slaughterback, NEW 48 North Chapter Rep
bluecanoe, Erin Comstock, Olympic Penn Chapter Rep
SuperKnotts, Brian and Vickie Knott, SW Chapter Rep

PeachesandPete, Annette Bailes, Parks Liaison, Campout

Absent:

jtcoffee, Jessie Maxwell, Vice President
Mr. Gadget #2, Gene Reed, Cache-cadians Chapter Rep
NepoKama, Mitch Eatough, Webmaster
Martin_5, Jerry Martin, IE Chapter Rep
TeamPAST, Patrick McColley, South Central Chapter Rep

Proxies:

Terrible Ts with South Central proxy
crs98 with jtcoffee proxy
Winos_Seattle with Cache Cadian proxy
mc3cats with Martin5 proxy

Visitors:

Item: November meeting minutes approved.

Item: First meeting using Teams

Item: Budget
Removed Ape from Budget, will add in later

Item: Ape Event
DO not lose ,money. If change of over 5000 needs approval from the board.

Cliff, Jessie, and Mark meet with Ski lodge people.
Bought GoingApe.org \$22.95
Can't profit less than the last 3 Years

Item: Elections
squirrel50 is stepping down.
Terrible Ts is stepping down.

Item: mc3cats is going to query the Board about letting squirrel50 to finish out her term.
Passed

Item: Chapter Reports
Puget Sound: No Holiday Party this year.

Summary of Reports for 22 Jan 2020

Financial Report by squirrel50

Budget report 2019 final & new 2020

Updated: 1/15/2020						
WSGA BUDGET & HISTORY	2019 Proposed	2019 Actuals	2019 Variance	2020 Proposed	2020 Actuals	2020 Variance
INCOME						
Membership	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,162.50	\$ 162.50	\$ 5,000.00		-\$5,000.00
Merchandise Sales	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,387.13	\$ 2,387.13	\$ 3,500.00		-\$3,500.00
Campout	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 1,500.00		-\$1,500.00
Ape Weekend	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 10,152.11	\$ 3,152.11	\$ 25,000.00		-\$25,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 3,747.01	\$ 3,747.01	\$ 4,000.00		-\$4,000.00
Fundraisers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00		-\$20,000.00
Total Income	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 23,448.75	\$ 8,448.75	\$ 59,000.00	\$ -	\$ (59,000.00)
EXPENSES						
Postage	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,242.87	\$ (757.13)	\$ 2,500.00		\$ (2,500.00)
Internet	\$ 200.00	\$ 448.05	\$ 248.05	\$ 500.00		\$ (500.00)
Supplies	\$ 300.00	\$ 218.90	\$ (81.10)	\$ 400.00		\$ (400.00)
Dues/fees	\$ 500.00	\$ 56.95	\$ (443.05)	\$ 500.00		\$ (500.00)
Stripe fees	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 760.31	\$ (239.69)	\$ 1,500.00		\$ (1,500.00)
Chapter Allocations	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,825.28	\$ (2,174.72)	\$ 3,000.00		\$ (3,000.00)
Campout	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ 1,500.00		\$ (1,500.00)
Ape Weekend	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 9,405.90	\$ 2,405.90	\$ 15,000.00		\$ (15,000.00)
APE Promotion						\$ -
WSGA coin/tb's	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,649.75	\$ 2,149.75	\$ 3,500.00		\$ (3,500.00)
Merchandise	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -

Small Grant Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
Sponsorships	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
Outreach	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
Park Liasion	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
GeoTour	\$ -	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 2,550.00			\$ -
NW Trails	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
projectors	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
GPS units	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 500.00	\$ 85.00	\$ (415.00)			\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 20,243.01	\$ 1,743.01	\$ 28,400.00	\$ -	\$ (28,400.00)
Net Budget	(\$3,500.00)	\$3,205.74	\$6,705.74	\$30,600.00	\$0.00	(\$30,600.00)

2019 Income / Expense Report

2019 WSGA Income	Membershi p	Merch Sales	Campout	Ape Weekend	Misc	donations	TOTAL
January	\$1,085.00	\$351.00			\$274.01		\$1,710.01
February	\$590.00	\$257.98					\$847.98
March	\$590.00	\$133.45					\$723.45
April	\$340.00	\$452.40			\$2,600.00	\$10.00	\$3,402.40
May	\$65.00	\$184.70		\$1,005.00			\$1,254.70
June	\$265.00	\$384.00		\$2,775.00	\$40.00		\$3,464.00
July	\$237.50	\$805.65		\$560.00			\$1,603.15
August	\$325.00	\$325.05		\$3,084.91	\$833.00		\$4,567.96
September	\$25.00	\$76.00					\$101.00
October	\$105.00	\$337.00		\$2,727.20			\$3,169.20
November	\$400.00	\$393.50					\$793.50
December	\$1,135.00	\$686.40					\$1,821.40
TOTALS	\$5,162.50	\$4,387.13	\$0.00	\$10,152.11	\$3,747.01		\$23,458.75

2019
Expenses

USPS

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Supplies

Internet

Stripe fees

Dues/
licenses

January	\$15.99			\$63.23	
February	\$80.96			\$35.22	\$32.66
March	\$15.99			\$30.48	
April		\$68.90		\$29.56	\$24.29
May				\$41.86	
June	\$184.00	\$150.00		\$150.97	
July			\$79.00	\$55.89	
August	\$160.00			\$150.00	
September				\$11.52	
October			\$197.00	\$19.26	
November				\$27.32	
December	\$785.93		\$172.05	\$145.00	
TOTALS	\$1,242.87	\$218.90	\$448.05	\$760.31	\$56.95

I split the Expenses in half to fit on here as it was too big to fit for the report.

Merch Orders	Campout	APE Event	GeoTour	Small Grant	Misc.	Chapter Allocation	TOTALS
						\$1,037.45	\$1,116.67
		\$700.00				\$13.78	\$862.62
		\$408.40				\$15.85	\$470.72

\$1,154.75							\$1,182.07
						\$617.81	\$1,720.79
\$3,649.75	\$0.00	\$9,405.90	\$2,550.00	\$0.00	\$85.00	\$2,299.20	\$20,716.93

2019 Chapter Year End Reports / 2020 Chapter Starting Report

2019 Chapter Allocations

	Puget Sound	48 North	Olympic Peninsula	Cache-Cadian	Inland Empire
Used	\$504.00	\$407.53	\$110.10	\$40.50	\$394.13
Remaining Funds	\$387.52	\$193.97	\$275.90	\$186.00	\$0.17

2020 Chapter Allocations

	Puget Sound	48 North	Olympic Peninsula	Cache-Cadian	Inland Empire
Carryover Funds	\$180.00	\$110.00	\$105.00	\$100.00	\$30.00
2020 Start Total	\$230.00	\$152.00	\$58.00	\$71.00	\$92.00
Used	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Remaining Funds	\$410.00	\$262.00	\$163.00	\$171.00	\$122.00

VP/Social Media

Report by jtcoffee



Vice Presidents' Report

January 2020

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Social Media

Facebook

Published	Post	Type	Targeting	Reach	Engagement	Promote
01/19/2020 9:57 PM	For when "TFTC" is just not enough, but you can't quite find the words for			0	0 2	Boost Post
01/13/2020 12:12 PM	The next WSGA board meeting will be live-streaming on Facebook! Join			450	0 10	Boost Post
01/12/2020 6:07 PM	Washington State Geocaching Association updated their business			456	7 6	Boost Post
12/31/2019 6:40 AM	Happy New Year from the WSGA! Remember that not only can you earn			687	24 25	Boost Post
12/27/2019 8:28 AM	News from our friends at Project-GC - keep your eyes out for a new statistic			579	31 22	Boost Post
12/21/2019 11:03 PM	With 2019 almost wrapped up and 2020 just a few days away, let's			457	8 6	Boost Post
12/21/2019 9:27 PM	We have another new item in the shop! Check out our Chapter Map			497	42 13	Boost Post
12/19/2019 12:18 PM	WSGA's annual coin is now available in our online shop! Designed by The			728	102 41	Boost Post

12/17/2019 12:39 PM		2020 is not messing around! New from HQ - a Locationless Cache to			662		116 36		Boost Post
12/10/2019 9:13 AM		Washington #geocachers have a strong tie to Sasquatch and all related			711		62 23		Boost Post
12/05/2019 9:15 PM		Have you ever tuned in live to the Pacific Northwest's only geocaching			375		27 2		Boost Post
12/03/2019 10:25 AM		2020 looks better and better! Check out this new opportunity from HQ:			512		99 18		Boost Post
12/02/2019 6:25 AM		Now available for cyber Monday Complete Ape X Coin Sets! We			529		54 18		Boost Post
11/30/2019 8:35 AM		It's #smallbusinessaturday! The WSGA is a small, local club that puts			556		28 17		Boost Post
11/29/2019 8:17 AM		Happy #blackfriday! Grab an APE ESCAPE mystery box, including a			565		53 11		Boost Post
11/28/2019 1:00 PM		Happy Thanksgiving from the WSGA! We are thankful for all geocachers,			1.2K		49 47		Boost Post
11/27/2019 9:30 PM		#blackfriday2019 #geocaching			678		36 25		Boost Post

Currently at 2411 followers, up from 2374 in November.
Popular posts are around 2020 news and holiday posts.

Ape 2020 Prep

We are in consistent communication with the Ski Lodge to see if we can find an arrangement that will be mutually beneficial to hold the event at that site. There is a ton of buy-in that is required and our contact there is working to garner all of the support needed. As soon as everything is agreed upon, we'll be able to get the event published. I am hoping for mid-February. All other details are predominately on hold until we can secure an agreement with the location and get a place secured. We will be making a separate registration site on the WSGA site for this event, similar to what HQ just published last week.

When you are speaking to your members about the progress of the planning, please encourage them to consider volunteering for the event. We will need many – perhaps 200 – volunteers to make this event run.

Membership Proposal

These are notes left over from the previous meeting for discussion

We have received feedback over time that the current membership offerings are confusing. They also are not accurately priced to cover coin and operational costs. To improve this, here is a new proposal for a membership system:

There is one membership level, replacing the 'basic' and 'premium' levels. Therefore, people would either be Members, or not.

Membership would be \$20 annually. Memberships would not be calendar-years, but would expire a year after they were purchased.

The breakdown of the dollar allocation would be as indicated below:

Operations covers things like Stripe Fees, web hosting, coin creation, etc.

All extra name badges can be purchased for \$5 for family memberships.

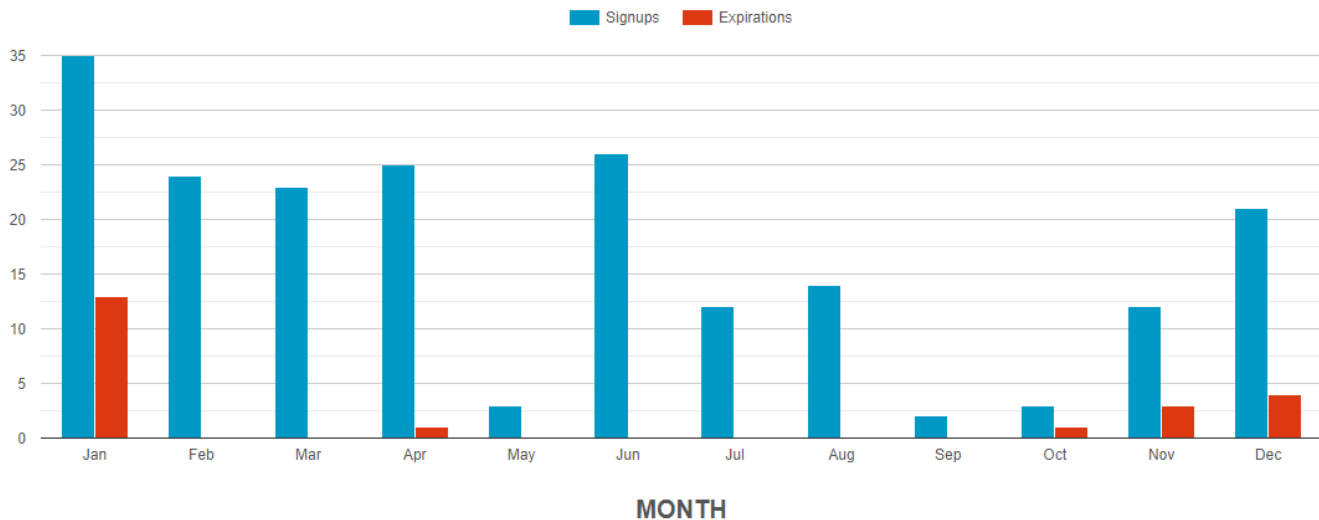
If approved, this new system would go into effect Oct 2020. Memberships purchased until then will still have access to the tiers and will still receive a coin if they opt for our current Premium Membership.

The WSGA will still create annual trackable items for sale in the shop, but they will not be included in membership.

Membership Reports

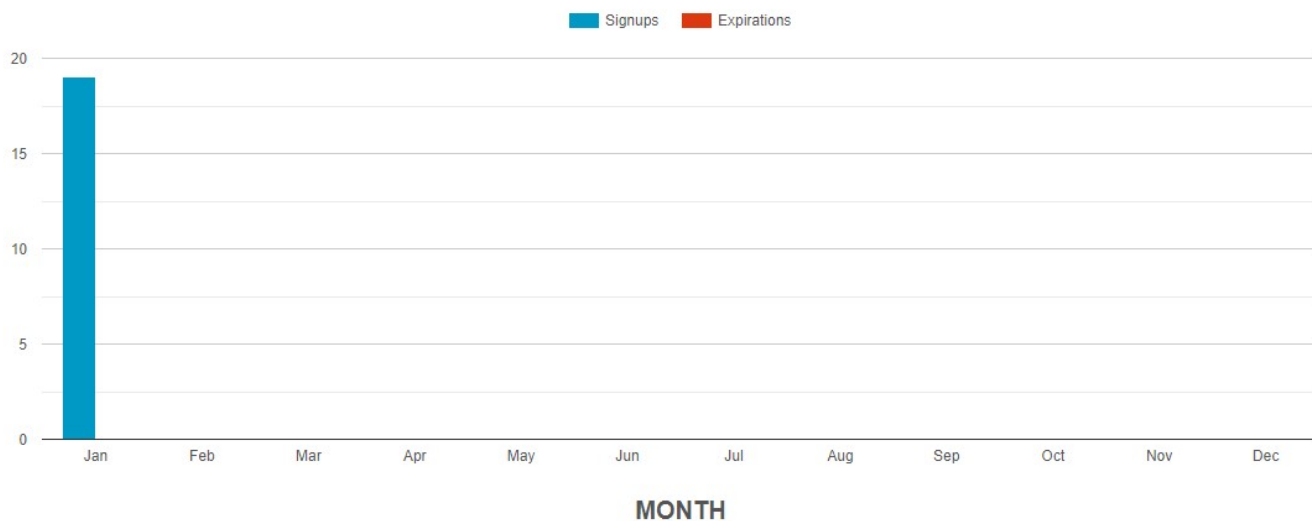
Membership Stats

Show Signups vs. Expirations for 2019 for All Levels



Membership Stats

Show Signups vs. Expirations for 2020 for All Levels



2020 Elections

One of the functions of the VP is to run the annual elections.

Please keep me apprised if you are not planning on running again for your position, would like to run for a different position, or if you hear of anyone who is interested in running. Feel free to direct anyone to me and I'd be happy to answer any questions anyone has.

Outreach

Report by squirrel150

No report submitted.

Merchandise

Report by mc3cats

No report submitted

Chapter Reports

48 North Chapter Report by crs89-

WSGA 48 North Chapter Report

For meeting of January 15, 2020

Chapter Activities

[WSGA 48 North Holiday Hoopla X](#) (Dec 15th, Marysville) – our tenth annual holiday get-together drew 16 attended logs and about 25 total people. The potluck was fabulous, and people had a great time with the white elephant gift exchange as we had a lot of fun with people stealing gifts.

Upcoming Chapter Events

Nothing is officially scheduled yet, but the following events are in the planning stages:

WSGA 48N Leap Day Celebration – (Feb 29th, Friday Harbor). The exact spot and time are TBD, but we hope to get some folks out to the island for a leap day caching celebration.

WSGA 48N CITO Season I – (Date is TBD, but location is likely to be Wallace Falls State Park)

WSGA 48N Big Blue Switch Day – (May 2nd, Mount Vernon area)

Upcoming Local Area Events

There are a lot of events (including five CITO!!!) that are already on the books for the first few months of 2020 in our chapter's area:

- [DK Meet & Greet \(21+\)](#) – Jan 13th, by Johnny Cache 79
- [A Winter CITO in Wilcox Park](#), Jan 19th, by jtcoffee
- [Sunday Morning fuel-up! ?????](#), Jan 19th by jtcoffee

- [Oak Harbor Parks – Meadowridge Park CITO](#), Jan 25th by Team RAC
- [Blaine Meet & Greet](#) – Jan 27th by Johnny Cache 79
- [JC's Pizza Meet & Greet](#) – Feb 3rd by Johnny Cache 79
- [A Parting Event for Squirrel50](#) – Feb 8th by mc3cats
- [Oak Harbor Parks – Smith Park \(CITO\)](#) – Feb 29th by ebaden3
- [Kulshan Trail CITO](#) – March 7th by GeocacherMV and Max0828simpleton
- **[Trumpeter Trail CITO – March 14th by GeocacherMV and 27nichruby](#)**

Cache-Cadian Chapter Report by Mr. Gadget #2

Cache-Cadians Chapter report for January 2020 WSGA meeting

Events held since the last meeting are:

Cache-Cadians Chapter 2019 Christmas Party GC8G67K

Caroling with Cachers, Crafters, and Quilters. GC8GN8Z

New Years Eve 2019 Cachers Style GC8GN97

New Years Day 2020 Cachers Style GC8GTED

On behalf of members of the Cache-Cadians Chapter it is paramount significance the "Cache-Cadians" name / title has been abused again by the executive board and others of the WSGA. For some unexplained reason our chapter is still is being identified as Cache-Cadia.

I first noticed this insult on a Face Book thread by WSGA in early December when a listing of all of the Christmas event parties were published. Our Christmas party was listed as ("Cache-Cadia") the first of the season.

Then again it happens at our Christmas party on December 7,2019. The WSGA president and secretary were in attendance to collect new WSGA 2020 membership dues from some of our chapter members. It was not noticed until the day after most of the new name tags bared the chapter identification name again as Cache-Cadia as our chapter affiliation. I did contact all of those who were in attendance at our Christmas party and only one name tag was issued with the correct chapter affiliation.

It was my understanding the Cache-Cadians official name title and usage for our Chapter of WSGA was corrected last year. I was assured that all correspondence and use within the association would be cleansed of the Cache-Cadia name. Apparently not.

I wish to make an addition to the Cache-cadians report I had already submitted. This is in regards to some unfinished business and request that was made late last year. To date I have not heard any response of these matters. On December 8, 2019 I made a formal request of an audit in regards to the

Cache-cadians annual allotments going back to when allotments were first given to chapters.
Cache-cadians name tags, nothing to date has been done to rectify the wrong name tags to six of our chapter members.
Wrong identification and use of the Cache-cadians chapter name.

I am providing copies of correspondence to help refresh anyone's memory in the event they have forgotten.

To: Chris Brue, President WSGA

From: Gene Reed Cache-Cadian Chapter Rep WSGA

Subject: Cache-Cadian Chapter annual allotments

Chris,

I am making a formal request for the WSGA Board Executive and Treasure preform an audit for the Cache-Cadian annual allotments since allotments were first allocated.

My chapter historically has used these monies for our annual Christmas Party for gifts to hand out to those attending.

Each year our allotment has gradually increased in monetary value and this helped for purchasing nicer and more gifts. As I recall we usually have been given anywhere from \$150.00 and upwards to \$225.00-\$250.00. Last year it was a little over \$300.00+.

It was the original policy any chapter had to use their allotment before the end of the year or it would be turned back into the WSGA general fund. It was also the requirement that reimbursements had to be paid before the end of the year unless special request had been made. There were some chapters who did not have their holiday party until the ensuing January.

This method and procedure worked well back in the days when all WSGA dues expired on December 31 of each year and we ran off of a clean slate financially.

I have noticed every time we elect a new treasure; they end up changing the ways chapter allotments are handled. I'm not saying changes are good or bad but they wanted to do things that better suited them. Broncos4life made the change from where we used to use and submit all our paperwork prior to the end of the year. Broncos4life said that chapters could submit request for reimbursement at any time and any unused monies would be rolled over into the ensuing year.

Now Deb, Squirrel50 is saying we have to submit our request for reimbursement by year's end and has stated unspent chapter allotments would return to the general treasury of WSGA.

In the first years of our chapter using for allotments was not done and those funds did go back into the treasury. I believe for the past 3 to 4 years I have used our allotment and submitted request for our full annual allotment. I made sure I submitted my paperwork with invoices in early December and was paid before the end of December.

Last year I submitted my request for reimbursement long before the end of December which the treasure had ample time to issue a check to me before December 31, 2018. Before the end of December, I had asked Broncos4life if she had received my invoicing and when my reimbursement would be made. The check was finally sent to me in January of 2019. This did not cause any concern until late 2019 when the records show our chapter has received over \$302.00 for 2019. According to the present records we only have \$91.71 left for our 2019-chapter allotment.

Needless to say, we the members within our Cache-Cadian geographical area feel the WSGA Scrooge played Christmas Grinch for our ability to purchase gifts to give out to our members. Fortunately, I had a few left-over gifts from our 2018 party which were enough to give to each Cache-Cadian geocaching member who were present for this year's party.

My audit request shall show:

- what dollar amounts were, from day one to present when allotments were allowed to the Cache-Cadian chapter?
- how many members we had each year since day one of Cache-Cadian chapter allotments?
- How configuration was done for generation of allotments since day one of the Cache-Cadian chapter?

Over a year ago I thought we had our chapter identity issue solved. I was assured by the WSGA Board our chapter would be identified as **Cache-Cadians**, and not as recently published in different places as Cache-Cadia.

Prior to our Christmas Party event I saw on face book that different WSGA chapters had Christmas or holiday event planned and it said the Cache-Cadia was the first on the 7th of December. This irritated the hell out of me and I had no idea who was the author or the moderator was for that posting. I DID consider slamming them but decided not and friendly mention it later to the WSGA board.

Now what has happened during our Christmas Party event when several members decided to renew their WSGA annual dues. I did not notice the mistake until Sunday morning on my way to church and looked at my name tag and it had the wording as Cache-Cadia for our affiliated chapter. I could not believe how disrespectful WSGA is being to our chapter and our identity.

This afternoon I sent an email or message to all of our Cache-Cadian folks who were at the event asking for those who paid their dues and received a name tag if they had the correct name of our chapter. As of this writing only one Blue J Wenatchee has said his said Cache-Cadian. Everyone else's shows Cache-Cadia.

When Ann, Quiltist2 replied to me she said her new name tag had to be redone 3 times Saturday before her name was done correctly. She did not notice it showed Cache-Cadia as the affiliated WSGA chapter when finished. She also said for some reason WSGA did not list

her as a member for 2019. She did by credit card (invoice No. C33B2F8976) paid on Dec 23, 2018. She did not receive a premium membership coin either.

Trust the WSGA Executive Board will address these issues and soon be sending corrected identity name tags for all of those whose tag has the wrong chapter affiliation on them.

Gene

December 31, 2019

To: WSGA Secretary, Jim Tollefson

Cc: WSGA President Chris Brue

From: Gene Reed

Subject: Use of the identification use of Cachecadia instead of Cachecadian

After our December Christmas party it became apparent many of the name tags that were made out to renewing members have the chapter name of Cachecadia" instead of our proper chapter name of "Cachecadian ". I had sent out either an email or message to all of those chapter members that attended this event to see who had the incorrect chapter designation on their name tags.

Only one has responded their name tag had the correct identification of our chapter name "Cachecadian" this was Blue J Wenatchee.

Listed below are the user names of those who responded back to my email with the incorrect Chapter designation on their name tag:

t.v.wildfire; Quiltist2; LanSearch; trapper and me; WillDolt, and Mr. Gadget #2.

We the undersigned geocaching members of the Cachecadian Chapter of WSGA request that new name tags be issued with the correct chapter designation for the ensuing year of 2020'

LanSearch	_____	SUE LANN
Mr. Gadget #2 *	_____	Gene Reed
Quiltist2	_____	Ann Baye
Trapper and me	_____	Helen Hargett
t.v.wildfire	_____	Bob Wright
WillDolt	_____	Kay Williams
_____	_____	
_____	_____	
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_____	_____	

* My NAME TAG ALSO DID NOT HAVE THE # SYMBOL NEEDS TO BE INCLUDED ALSO etc

Reed, Cache-Cadian Chapter Rep.

Inland Empire Chapter Report

January 17, 2020

by Jerry Martin (Martin 5)

Past Chapter Events:

12/22/2019

8th Annual IE Chapter WSGA Christmas Party

GC8G9XM

30 attendees

12/31/2019

Goodbye 2019

GC8GMRH

40 attendees

01/01/2020

Hello 2020

GC8GMRJ

40 attendees

Upcoming Chapter Events:

02/29/2020

14th Annual WSGA Winter Party

GC8GVY3

Deer Park

Upcoming Area Events:

01/18/2020

Great Balls of Christmas Fire #5

GC8HPW2 by Airrooster + CrazyFrogLady = RoosterFrog

Airway Heights

01/19/2020

Pine Street Woods Snowshoe Trek

GC8GTVC by UnderTheSide

Sandpoint, ID

01/20/2020

Free Day Meet & Greet

GC8HN5W by Martin 5

Riverside State Park

02/02/2020

9th Annual Pre-Game Tailgate Party

GC8HAM9 by Martin 5

Spokane Valley

02/02/2020

A Groundhog Game Day!!

GC8HVCC by Airrooster + CrazyFrogLady = RoosterFrog

Airway Heights

02/17/2020

9th Annual Presidential Hike

GC8CD5B by Martin 5

Spokane

02/20/2020

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GC8HNPX by Martin 5

Spokane Valley

04/01/2020

Only Fools Meet @ Midnight Sexennial

GC8HV8Z by Martin 5

Post Falls, ID

04/01/2020

Mmm...burgers

GC84PYX by Johnny Cache 79™

Spokane Valley

06/20/2020

20 Years of Geocaching in Idaho

GC8HJBK by Moun10Bike

Coolin, ID

IE Chapter News:

We had great attendance at our past three events. We had 30 attend our annual Christmas Party! Followed by our New Years Eve and New Years events, both held at the food court of the Spokane Valley Mall, each had 40 in attendance. Cachers like those virtual souvenirs. Interestingly, it was not the same 40 at both events.

We are combining our Annual Winter Party Event at the end of February with a Leap Year Event. Using chapter funds, we have even ordered an exclusive IE Chapter WSGA Leap Year Frog geocoin. Unlike the past 6+ years, our venue has changed from being the meeting room of a local church, to the banquet room of a local eating establishment in Deer Park. Everyone is invited... this is typically our largest attended event of the year.

South Central Chapter Report By Patrick McColley (TeamPAST)

January 2019

By Patrick McColley (TeamPAST)

Past Chapter Events

GC81029 - WSGA South Central 2018 Holiday Party 12/21/18

WSGA SC hosted a holiday party at the local Dickey's BBQ in Pasco. 23 came out and enjoyed a meal together and played a few games like pin the nose on the reindeer, white elephant gift exchange and a popular saran wrap gift ball.

GC81F36 - WSGA South Central New Year's Day Meet & Greet! 1/1/19

This was a late afternoon gathering of cachers hosted by WSGA SC. We had 17 cachers present and enjoyed a late lunch/early dinner while talking about upcoming caching activities for the year.

Future Chapter Events

TBD

Area Events held by a WSGA member

GC7ZVBE - A hint of Lyon before flying back.... 12/7/18 Tecsomane

Tecsomane hosted this event before his journey home to France. There were 15 in attendance and also celebrated to WSGA member's birthdays at this event.

GC81ETB - Goodbye 2018! - Meet n Greet 12/31/18 TeamPAST

TeamPAST and family hosted this event, technically just across the border in OR to see if we could entice any of the local cachers to come up to the South Central area and consider membership in WSGA. We had 12 attendees and this was the first event in the area in over 5 years.

GC81E7M - Start the New Year with a "Road Trip". 1/2/19 Tumbleweed2

Tumbleweed2 put together a fund little event at a local museum where we had 17 attendees. The event museum featured a traveling exhibit about all 50 states using the trivial pursuit theme. It was very popular among the attendees.

SC Chapter News

One member Tumbleweed2 contacted me with issues renewing her membership online. The website appears to have some scripting errors with the payment processor. She was eventually charged and assumed her membership was processed. But wanted us to be aware that renewals are not working properly. Also she had a hard time locating her chapter membership on her profile but I was able to walk her through the steps to locate where that information is hidden.

Puget Sound Chapter Report by Winos_Seattle

PS CHAPTER REPORT.

Considering I lost my job, all my location resources for an annual event IN THE MONTH of January have been cancelled. On the brightside, I still do have FEBRUARY and from Jerry's experience in Spokane, apparently that works better to do an annual awards banquet. That's

always been my intention. An awards banquet, during the window of nominations. Should be beneficial to all. You're up for an award!.

1st Annual WSGA Puget Sound Awards Show is intended to be held during the third weekend of February. Nikki's got a bunch of baby showers before then.

Event New Years Eve Day at Top Pots: 14 "Will Attends" 33 "attended". Success.

Olympic Peninsula Chapter Report by blue canoe

No report submitted.

South West Chapter Report by SuperKnots

South West Chapter Report

We had one event in December GCEFTRY WSGA SW Holiday Party ! We had a great turnout , everyone enjoyed the white elephant and geocoin exchange . We had it at our local pizza place .Members Peas and Corn made a beautiful ornament quilt square to use as a log book. We have members come down from Olympia and Longview for this event.

Our next event is a quick meet and greet to celebrate National Backward Day. GC8J7F5 YAD DRAWKCAB LANOITAN. We are having it at a local bakery and coffee shop . Encouraging people to have desert before dinner.

Upcoming local Events

SW Chapter member Y2K is having a Leaping 4 Leap Day event GC8GK1E. Reminding us all who are missing Leap Day caches for our calendar .

GEOregon has taken our idea from last year and is running with it by having a big Birthday Bash for Geocaching on May 3rd GC8HJZD.

Parks Liaison Reports by Peaches (of Peaches&Pete)

Summary

The Valley Cities GeoTour continues to be a successful project, as through December 2019, at least 689 Geocaching.com accounts had logged one or more finds on the GeoTour. 111 have completed the

GeoTour and received the Souvenir, and as of January 20, 2020 it has received 788 favorite points for the various caches in the GeoTour. There have been visitors from eleven (11) countries, as well as 22 states other than WA and OR. WSGA should be proud of the success of this GeoTour, and as Project Manager, I am eternally grateful to those from the WSGA Board and general membership that worked to make this such a success. At this point, I am proceeding with funding prospects to extend the GeoTour for an additional year in order to take further advantage to the vast numbers that will be visiting our area during the Geocaching 20th Anniversary events. We know that an extraordinary number of people will be coming and they usually build in additional time to geocache in our area. Once we learn if we get the necessary funding, I will be back to report how we are proceeding. However, as was the case last year, WSGA will have **no financial stake** in this project, but rather receiving funds from the grantees and paying expenses from the account, as grants must flow through a non-profit group rather than an individual. Again, I say "Thank you, WSGA, for your support in this GeoTour."

There have been no geocaching issues from any City, County or State Parks in the State of Washington that I am aware of in quite some time. If you hear of any issues regarding geocaching in any parks area, please let me know so I can contact the appropriate Park Liaison and we can work with that park to successfully mediate the issues and bring back a mutually successful geocaching situation.

Looking forward to how we can continue to help serve the WSGA in the coming year.

Annette Bailes (Peach&Pete)

WSGA Parks Liaison Y50nv%3@iYwu6VBbSLWi72D!d

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Campout Director Reports by Peaches (of Peaches&Pete)

This position, being an appointed position, rather than an elected role and direct part of WSGA voting and executive board decisions, is difficult in that I have not been directly involved in any discussions among the Executive Board on a Campout. It was the decision of the Board at a meeting in 2019 to attempt to hold a campout in 2020 but possibly do a joint campout/Ape Event for 2020. Cliff Slaughterbeck volunteered to research and find an area in his 48 North Chapter that would work. I visited with him at an event recently and he still has plans to hold a one day campout at Camano Island State Park, which has cabins to hold those attending who do not have RV vehicles. The major drawback I see from a one day campout is that those who would bring in large RVs, trailers, etc., usually do not like to relocate their RV to a campsite for ONLY ONE DAY. If the campout is held between the 20th Anniversary and Ape Event Weekend and the GeoWoodstock Event in Canada, we are severely impacted by timing as the Camano Park has no space available other than Wednesday that week. Weekday campouts are not as popular as weekend campouts and draw less participants. Plus, GeoWoodstock has events starting on Wednesday and Thursday, so it already overlaps for those who want to attend these Canadian events. I want our Summer Campout to be a successful venture and will do all I can to help that happen, but I do not have a lot of faith that we will draw many campers to a one day event.

My personal suggestion would be to either change the campout back to the last weekend in July for 2020, or to postpone a Summer Campout in 2020 due to the extreme events in our area during that very busy time. It would also put a hardship on those of us who would be volunteering at the Ape Event, and following that up with another event immediately thereafter.

Annette Bailes (Peach&Pete)
WSGA Campout Director

Inland Empire: Feb 29th Awards\
bluecanoe: Leap Day Party

**Summary of Reports for
22 Jan 2020**

Financial Report by squirrel50

Budget report 2019 final & new 2020

Updated: 1/15/2020						
WSGA BUDGET & HISTORY	2019 Proposed	2019 Actuals	2019 Variance	2020 Proposed	2020 Actuals	2020 Variance
INCOME						
Membership	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,162.50	\$ 162.50	\$ 5,000.00		-\$5,000.00
Merchandise Sales	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,387.13	\$ 2,387.13	\$ 3,500.00		-\$3,500.00
Campout	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 1,500.00		-\$1,500.00
Ape Weekend	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 10,152.11	\$ 3,152.11	\$ 25,000.00		-\$25,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 3,747.01	\$ 3,747.01	\$ 4,000.00		-\$4,000.00
Fundraisers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00		-\$20,000.00
Total Income	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 23,448.75	\$ 8,448.75	\$ 59,000.00	\$ -	\$ (59,000.00)
EXPENSES						
Postage	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,242.87	\$ (757.13)	\$ 2,500.00		\$ (2,500.00)
Internet	\$ 200.00	\$ 448.05	\$ 248.05	\$ 500.00		\$ (500.00)
Supplies	\$ 300.00	\$ 218.90	\$ (81.10)	\$ 400.00		\$ (400.00)
Dues/fees	\$ 500.00	\$ 56.95	\$ (443.05)	\$ 500.00		\$ (500.00)
Stripe fees	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 760.31	\$ (239.69)	\$ 1,500.00		\$ (1,500.00)
Chapter Allocations	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,825.28	\$ (2,174.72)	\$ 3,000.00		\$ (3,000.00)
Campout	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ 1,500.00		\$ (1,500.00)
Ape Weekend	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 9,405.90	\$ 2,405.90	\$ 15,000.00		\$ (15,000.00)
APE Promotion						\$ -
WSGA coin/tb's	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,649.75	\$ 2,149.75	\$ 3,500.00		\$ (3,500.00)
Merchandise	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -

Small Grant Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
Sponsorships	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
Outreach	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
Park Liasion	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
GeoTour	\$ -	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 2,550.00			\$ -
NW Trails	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
projectors	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
GPS units	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 500.00	\$ 85.00	\$ (415.00)			\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 20,243.01	\$ 1,743.01	\$ 28,400.00	\$ -	\$ (28,400.00)
Net Budget	(\$3,500.00)	\$3,205.74	\$6,705.74	\$30,600.00	\$0.00	(\$30,600.00)

2019 Income / Expense Report

2019 WSGA Income	Membershi p	Merch Sales	Campout	Ape Weekend	Misc	donations	TOTAL
January	\$1,085.00	\$351.00			\$274.01		\$1,710.01
February	\$590.00	\$257.98					\$847.98
March	\$590.00	\$133.45					\$723.45
April	\$340.00	\$452.40			\$2,600.00	\$10.00	\$3,402.40
May	\$65.00	\$184.70		\$1,005.00			\$1,254.70
June	\$265.00	\$384.00		\$2,775.00	\$40.00		\$3,464.00
July	\$237.50	\$805.65		\$560.00			\$1,603.15
August	\$325.00	\$325.05		\$3,084.91	\$833.00		\$4,567.96
September	\$25.00	\$76.00					\$101.00
October	\$105.00	\$337.00		\$2,727.20			\$3,169.20
November	\$400.00	\$393.50					\$793.50
December	\$1,135.00	\$686.40					\$1,821.40
TOTALS	\$5,162.50	\$4,387.13	\$0.00	\$10,152.11	\$3,747.01		\$23,458.75

2019
Expenses

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Supplies

Internet

Stripe fees

Dues/
licenses

January	\$15.99			\$63.23	
February	\$80.96			\$35.22	\$32.66
March	\$15.99			\$30.48	
April		\$68.90		\$29.56	\$24.29
May				\$41.86	
June	\$184.00	\$150.00		\$150.97	
July			\$79.00	\$55.89	
August	\$160.00			\$150.00	
September				\$11.52	
October			\$197.00	\$19.26	
November				\$27.32	
December	\$785.93		\$172.05	\$145.00	
TOTALS	\$1,242.87	\$218.90	\$448.05	\$760.31	\$56.95

I split the Expenses in half to fit on here as it was too big to fit for the report.

Merch Orders	Campout	APE Event	GeoTour	Small Grant	Misc.	Chapter Allocation	TOTALS
						\$1,037.45	\$1,116.67
		\$700.00				\$13.78	\$862.62
		\$408.40				\$15.85	\$470.72

\$1,154.75							\$1,182.07
						\$617.81	\$1,720.79
\$3,649.75	\$0.00	\$9,405.90	\$2,550.00	\$0.00	\$85.00	\$2,299.20	\$20,716.93

2019 Chapter Year End Reports / 2020 Chapter Starting Report

2019 Chapter Allocations

	Puget Sound	48 North	Olympic Peninsula	Cache-Cadian	Inland Empire
Used	\$504.00	\$407.53	\$110.10	\$40.50	\$394.13
Remaining Funds	\$387.52	\$193.97	\$275.90	\$186.00	\$0.17

2020 Chapter Allocations

	Puget Sound	48 North	Olympic Peninsula	Cache-Cadian	Inland Empire
Carryover Funds	\$180.00	\$110.00	\$105.00	\$100.00	\$30.00
2020 Start Total	\$230.00	\$152.00	\$58.00	\$71.00	\$92.00
Used	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Remaining Funds	\$410.00	\$262.00	\$163.00	\$171.00	\$122.00

VP/Social Media

Report by jtcoffee



Vice Presidents' Report


January 2020

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- Social Media
- Ape 2020 Prep
- Membership Proposal
- Membership Reports
- 2020 Elections

Social Media

Facebook

Published	Post	Type	Targeting	Reach	Engagement	Promote
01/19/2020 9:57 PM	 For when "TFTC" is just not enough, but you can't quite find the words for			0	0 2	Boost Post
01/13/2020 12:12 PM	 The next WSGA board meeting will be live-streaming on Facebook! Join			450	0 10	Boost Post
01/12/2020 6:07 PM	 Washington State Geocaching Association updated their business			456	7 6	Boost Post
12/31/2019 6:40 AM	 Happy New Year from the WSGA! Remember that not only can you earn			687	24 25	Boost Post
12/27/2019 8:28 AM	 News from our friends at Project-GC - keep your eyes out for a new statistic			579	31 22	Boost Post
12/21/2019 11:03 PM	 With 2019 almost wrapped up and 2020 just a few days away, let's			457	8 6	Boost Post
12/21/2019 9:27 PM	 We have another new item in the shop! Check out our Chapter Map			497	42 13	Boost Post
12/19/2019 12:18 PM	 WSGA's annual coin is now available in our online shop! Designed by The			728	102 41	Boost Post

12/17/2019 12:39 PM		2020 is not messing around! New from HQ - a Locationless Cache to			662		116 36		Boost Post
12/10/2019 9:13 AM		Washington #geocachers have a strong tie to Sasquatch and all related			711		62 23		Boost Post
12/05/2019 9:15 PM		Have you ever tuned in live to the Pacific Northwest's only geocaching			375		27 2		Boost Post
12/03/2019 10:25 AM		2020 looks better and better! Check out this new opportunity from HQ:			512		99 18		Boost Post
12/02/2019 6:25 AM		Now available for cyber Monday Complete Ape X Coin Sets! We			529		54 18		Boost Post
11/30/2019 8:35 AM		It's #smallbusinessaturday! The WSGA is a small, local club that puts			556		28 17		Boost Post
11/29/2019 8:17 AM		Happy #blackfriday! Grab an APE ESCAPE mystery box, including a			565		53 11		Boost Post
11/28/2019 1:00 PM		Happy Thanksgiving from the WSGA! We are thankful for all geocachers,			1.2K		49 47		Boost Post
11/27/2019 9:30 PM		#blackfriday2019 #geocaching			678		36 25		Boost Post

Currently at 2411 followers, up from 2374 in November.
Popular posts are around 2020 news and holiday posts.

Ape 2020 Prep

We are in consistent communication with the Ski Lodge to see if we can find an arrangement that will be mutually beneficial to hold the event at that site. There is a ton of buy-in that is required and our contact there is working to garner all of the support needed. As soon as everything is agreed upon, we'll be able to get the event published. I am hoping for mid-February. All other details are predominately on hold until we can secure an agreement with the location and get a place secured. We will be making a separate registration site on the WSGA site for this event, similar to what HQ just published last week.

When you are speaking to your members about the progress of the planning, please encourage them to consider volunteering for the event. We will need many – perhaps 200 – volunteers to make this event run.

Membership Proposal

These are notes left over from the previous meeting for discussion

We have received feedback over time that the current membership offerings are confusing. They also are not accurately priced to cover coin and operational costs. To improve this, here is a new proposal for a membership system:

There is one membership level, replacing the 'basic' and 'premium' levels. Therefore, people would either be Members, or not.

Membership would be \$20 annually. Memberships would not be calendar-years, but would expire a year after they were purchased.

The breakdown of the dollar allocation would be as indicated below:

Operations covers things like Stripe Fees, web hosting, coin creation, etc.

All extra name badges can be purchased for \$5 for family memberships.

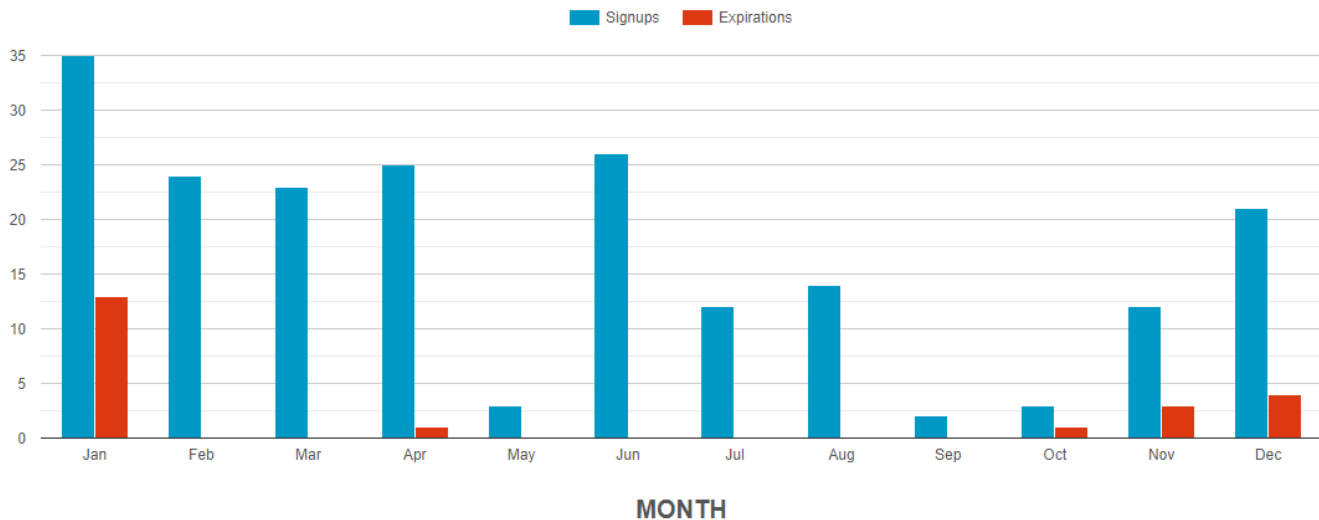
If approved, this new system would go into effect Oct 2020. Memberships purchased until then will still have access to the tiers and will still receive a coin if they opt for our current Premium Membership.

The WSGA will still create annual trackable items for sale in the shop, but they will not be included in membership.

Membership Reports

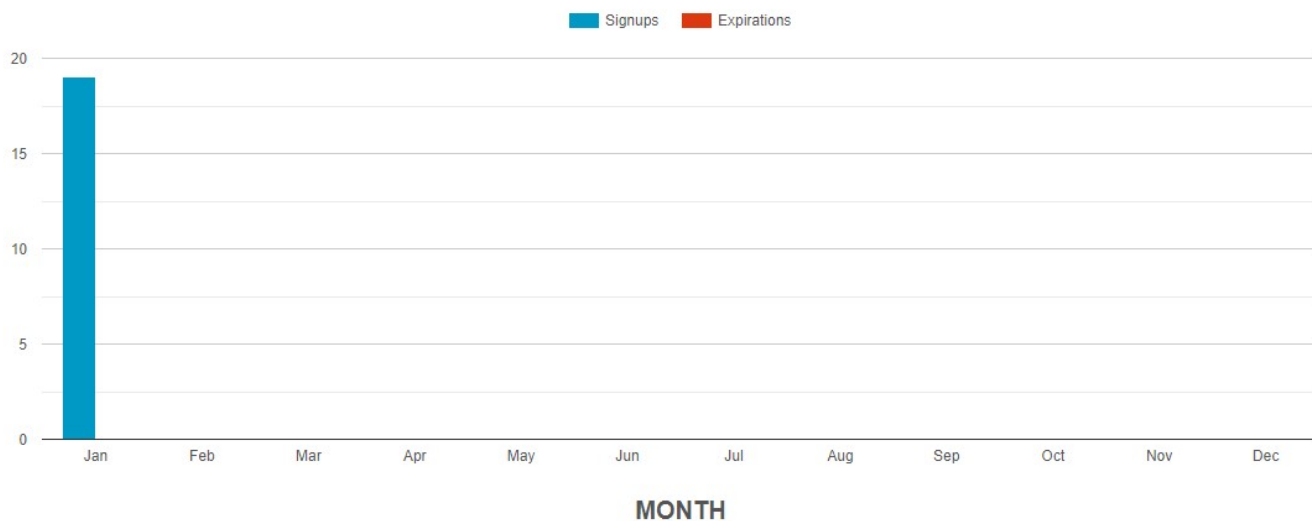
Membership Stats

Show Signups vs. Expirations for 2019 for All Levels



Membership Stats

Show Signups vs. Expirations for 2020 for All Levels



2020 Elections

One of the functions of the VP is to run the annual elections.

Please keep me apprised if you are not planning on running again for your position, would like to run for a different position, or if you hear of anyone who is interested in running. Feel free to direct anyone to me and I'd be happy to answer any questions anyone has.

Outreach

Report by squirrel150

No report submitted.

Merchandise

Report by mc3cats

No report submitted

Chapter Reports

48 North Chapter Report by crs89-

WSGA 48 North Chapter Report

For meeting of January 15, 2020

Chapter Activities

[WSGA 48 North Holiday Hoopla X](#) (Dec 15th, Marysville) – our tenth annual holiday get-together drew 16 attended logs and about 25 total people. The potluck was fabulous, and people had a great time with the white elephant gift exchange as we had a lot of fun with people stealing gifts.

Upcoming Chapter Events

Nothing is officially scheduled yet, but the following events are in the planning stages:

WSGA 48N Leap Day Celebration – (Feb 29th, Friday Harbor). The exact spot and time are TBD, but we hope to get some folks out to the island for a leap day caching celebration.

WSGA 48N CITO Season I – (Date is TBD, but location is likely to be Wallace Falls State Park)

WSGA 48N Big Blue Switch Day – (May 2nd, Mount Vernon area)

Upcoming Local Area Events

There are a lot of events (including five CITO!!!) that are already on the books for the first few months of 2020 in our chapter's area:

- [DK Meet & Greet \(21+\)](#) – Jan 13th, by Johnny Cache 79
- [A Winter CITO in Wilcox Park](#), Jan 19th, by jtcoffee
- [Sunday Morning fuel-up! ?????](#), Jan 19th by jtcoffee

- [Oak Harbor Parks – Meadowridge Park CITO](#), Jan 25th by Team RAC
- [Blaine Meet & Greet](#) – Jan 27th by Johnny Cache 79
- [JC's Pizza Meet & Greet](#) – Feb 3rd by Johnny Cache 79
- [A Parting Event for Squirrel50](#) – Feb 8th by mc3cats
- [Oak Harbor Parks – Smith Park \(CITO\)](#) – Feb 29th by ebaden3
- [Kulshan Trail CITO](#) – March 7th by GeocacherMV and Max0828simpleton
- **[Trumpeter Trail CITO – March 14th by GeocacherMV and 27nichruby](#)**

Cache-Cadian Chapter Report by Mr. Gadget #2

Cache-Cadians Chapter report for January 2020 WSGA meeting

Events held since the last meeting are:

Cache-Cadians Chapter 2019 Christmas Party GC8G67K

Caroling with Cachers, Crafters, and Quilters. GC8GN8Z

New Years Eve 2019 Cachers Style GC8GN97

New Years Day 2020 Cachers Style GC8GTED

On behalf of members of the Cache-Cadians Chapter it is paramount significance the "Cache-Cadians" name / title has been abused again by the executive board and others of the WSGA. For some unexplained reason our chapter is still is being identified as Cache-Cadia.

I first noticed this insult on a Face Book thread by WSGA in early December when a listing of all of the Christmas event parties were published. Our Christmas party was listed as ("Cache-Cadia") the first of the season.

Then again it happens at our Christmas party on December 7,2019. The WSGA president and secretary were in attendance to collect new WSGA 2020 membership dues from some of our chapter members. It was not noticed until the day after most of the new name tags bared the chapter identification name again as Cache-Cadia as our chapter affiliation. I did contact all of those who were in attendance at our Christmas party and only one name tag was issued with the correct chapter affiliation.

It was my understanding the Cache-Cadians official name title and usage for our Chapter of WSGA was corrected last year. I was assured that all correspondence and use within the association would be cleansed of the Cache-Cadia name. Apparently not.

I wish to make an addition to the Cache-cadians report I had already submitted. This is in regards to some unfinished business and request that was made late last year. To date I have not heard any response of these matters. On December 8, 2019 I made a formal request of an audit in regards to the

Cache-cadians annual allotments going back to when allotments were first given to chapters.
Cache-cadians name tags, nothing to date has been done to rectify the wrong name tags to six of our chapter members.
Wrong identification and use of the Cache-cadians chapter name.

I am providing copies of correspondence to help refresh anyone's memory in the event they have forgotten.

To: Chris Brue, President WSGA

From: Gene Reed Cache-Cadian Chapter Rep WSGA

Subject: Cache-Cadian Chapter annual allotments

Chris,

I am making a formal request for the WSGA Board Executive and Treasure preform an audit for the Cache-Cadian annual allotments since allotments were first allocated.

My chapter historically has used these monies for our annual Christmas Party for gifts to hand out to those attending.

Each year our allotment has gradually increased in monetary value and this helped for purchasing nicer and more gifts. As I recall we usually have been given anywhere from \$150.00 and upwards to \$225.00-\$250.00. Last year it was a little over \$300.00+.

It was the original policy any chapter had to use their allotment before the end of the year or it would be turned back into the WSGA general fund. It was also the requirement that reimbursements had to be paid before the end of the year unless special request had been made. There were some chapters who did not have their holiday party until the ensuing January.

This method and procedure worked well back in the days when all WSGA dues expired on December 31 of each year and we ran off of a clean slate financially.

I have noticed every time we elect a new treasure; they end up changing the ways chapter allotments are handled. I'm not saying changes are good or bad but they wanted to do things that better suited them. Broncos4life made the change from where we used to use and submit all our paperwork prior to the end of the year. Broncos4life said that chapters could submit request for reimbursement at any time and any unused monies would be rolled over into the ensuing year.

Now Deb, Squirrel50 is saying we have to submit our request for reimbursement by year's end and has stated unspent chapter allotments would return to the general treasury of WSGA.

In the first years of our chapter using for allotments was not done and those funds did go back into the treasury. I believe for the past 3 to 4 years I have used our allotment and submitted request for our full annual allotment. I made sure I submitted my paperwork with invoices in early December and was paid before the end of December.

Last year I submitted my request for reimbursement long before the end of December which the treasure had ample time to issue a check to me before December 31, 2018. Before the end of December, I had asked Broncos4life if she had received my invoicing and when my reimbursement would be made. The check was finally sent to me in January of 2019. This did not cause any concern until late 2019 when the records show our chapter has received over \$302.00 for 2019. According to the present records we only have \$91.71 left for our 2019-chapter allotment.

Needless to say, we the members within our Cache-Cadian geographical area feel the WSGA Scrooge played Christmas Grinch for our ability to purchase gifts to give out to our members. Fortunately, I had a few left-over gifts from our 2018 party which were enough to give to each Cache-Cadian geocaching member who were present for this year's party.

My audit request shall show:

- what dollar amounts were, from day one to present when allotments were allowed to the Cache-Cadian chapter?
- how many members we had each year since day one of Cache-Cadian chapter allotments?
- How configuration was done for generation of allotments since day one of the Cache-Cadian chapter?

Over a year ago I thought we had our chapter identity issue solved. As was assured by the WSGA Board our chapter would be identified as **Cache-Cadians**, and not as recently published in different places as Cache-Cadia.

Prior to our Christmas Party event I saw on face book that different WSGA chapters had Christmas or holiday event planned and it said the Cache-Cadia was the first on the 7th of December. This irritated the hell out of me and I had no idea who was the author or the moderator was for that posting. I DID consider slamming them but decided not and friendly mention it later to the WSGA board.

Now what has happened during our Christmas Party event when several members decided to renew their WSGA annual dues. I did not notice the mistake until Sunday morning on my way to church and looked at my name tag and it had the wording as Cache-Cadia for our affiliated chapter. I could not believe how disrespectful WSGA is being to our chapter and our identity.

This afternoon I sent an email or message to all of our Cache-Cadian folks who were at the event asking for those who paid their dues and received a name tag if they had the correct name of our chapter. As of this writing only one Blue J Wenatchee has said his said Cache-Cadian. Everyone else's shows Cache-Cadia.

When Ann, Quiltist2 replied to me she said her new name tag had to be redone 3 times Saturday before her name was done correctly. She did not notice it showed Cache-Cadia as the affiliated WSGA chapter when finished. She also said for some reason WSGA did not list

her as a member for 2019. She did by credit card (invoice No. C33B2F8976) paid on Dec 23, 2018. She did not receive a premium membership coin either.

Trust the WSGA Executive Board will address these issues and soon be sending corrected identity name tags for all of those whose tag has the wrong chapter affiliation on them.

Gene

December 31, 2019

To: WSGA Secretary, Jim Tollefson

Cc: WSGA President Chris Brue

From: Gene Reed

Subject: Use of the identification use of Cachecadia instead of Cachecadian

After our December Christmas party it became apparent many of the name tags that were made out to renewing members have the chapter name of Cachecadia" instead of our proper chapter name of "Cachecadian ". I had sent out either an email or message to all of those chapter members that attended this event to see who had the incorrect chapter designation on their name tags.

Only one has responded their name tag had the correct identification of our chapter name "Cachecadian" this was Blue J Wenatchee.

Listed below are the user names of those who responded back to my email with the incorrect Chapter designation on their name tag:

t.v.wildfire; Quiltist2; LanSearch; trapper and me; WillDolt, and Mr. Gadget #2.

We the undersigned geocaching members of the Cachecadian Chapter of WSGA request that new name tags be issued with the correct chapter designation for the ensuing year of 2020'

LanSearch	_____	SUE LANN
Mr. Gadget #2 *	_____	Gene Reed
Quiltist2	_____	Ann Baye
Trapper and me	_____	Helen Hargett
t.v.wildfire	_____	Bob Wright
WillDolt	_____	Kay Williams
_____	_____	
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_____	_____	

* My NAME TAG ALSO DID NOT HAVE THE # SYMBOL NEEDS TO BE INCLUDED ALSO etc

Reed, Cache-Cadian Chapter Rep.

Inland Empire Chapter Report

January 17, 2020

by Jerry Martin (Martin 5)

Past Chapter Events:

12/22/2019

8th Annual IE Chapter WSGA Christmas Party

GC8G9XM

30 attendees

12/31/2019

Goodbye 2019

GC8GMRH

40 attendees

01/01/2020

Hello 2020

GC8GMRJ

40 attendees

Upcoming Chapter Events:

02/29/2020

14th Annual WSGA Winter Party

GC8GVY3

Deer Park

Upcoming Area Events:

01/18/2020

Great Balls of Christmas Fire #5

GC8HPW2 by Airrooster + CrazyFrogLady = RoosterFrog

Airway Heights

01/19/2020

Pine Street Woods Snowshoe Trek

GC8GTVC by UnderTheSide

Sandpoint, ID

01/20/2020

Free Day Meet & Greet

GC8HN5W by Martin 5

Riverside State Park

02/02/2020

9th Annual Pre-Game Tailgate Party

GC8HAM9 by Martin 5

Spokane Valley

02/02/2020

A Groundhog Game Day!!

GC8HVCC by Airrooster + CrazyFrogLady = RoosterFrog

Airway Heights

02/17/2020

9th Annual Presidential Hike

GC8CD5B by Martin 5

Spokane

02/20/2020

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GC8HNPX by Martin 5

Spokane Valley

04/01/2020

Only Fools Meet @ Midnight Sexennial

GC8HV8Z by Martin 5

Post Falls, ID

04/01/2020

Mmm...burgers

GC84PYX by Johnny Cache 79™

Spokane Valley

06/20/2020

20 Years of Geocaching in Idaho

GC8HJBK by Moun10Bike

Coolin, ID

IE Chapter News:

We had great attendance at our past three events. We had 30 attend our annual Christmas Party! Followed by our New Years Eve and New Years events, both held at the food court of the Spokane Valley Mall, each had 40 in attendance. Cachers like those virtual souvenirs. Interestingly, it was not the same 40 at both events.

We are combining our Annual Winter Party Event at the end of February with a Leap Year Event. Using chapter funds, we have even ordered an exclusive IE Chapter WSGA Leap Year Frog geocoin. Unlike the past 6+ years, our venue has changed from being the meeting room of a local church, to the banquet room of a local eating establishment in Deer Park. Everyone is invited... this is typically our largest attended event of the year.

South Central Chapter Report By Patrick McColley (TeamPAST)

January 2019

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Past Chapter Events

GC81029 - WSGA South Central 2018 Holiday Party 12/21/18

WSGA SC hosted a holiday party at the local Dickey's BBQ in Pasco. 23 came out and enjoyed a meal together and played a few games like pin the nose on the reindeer, white elephant gift exchange and a popular saran wrap gift ball.

GC81F36 - WSGA South Central New Year's Day Meet & Greet! 1/1/19

This was a late afternoon gathering of cachers hosted by WSGA SC. We had 17 cachers present and enjoyed a late lunch/early dinner while talking about upcoming caching activities for the year.

Future Chapter Events

TBD

Area Events held by a WSGA member

GC7ZVBE - A hint of Lyon before flying back.... 12/7/18 Tecsomane

Tecsomane hosted this event before his journey home to France. There were 15 in attendance and also celebrated to WSGA member's birthdays at this event.

GC81ETB - Goodbye 2018! - Meet n Greet 12/31/18 TeamPAST

TeamPAST and family hosted this event, technically just across the border in OR to see if we could entice any of the local cachers to come up to the South Central area and consider membership in WSGA. We had 12 attendees and this was the first event in the area in over 5 years.

GC81E7M - Start the New Year with a "Road Trip". 1/2/19 Tumbleweed2

Tumbleweed2 put together a fund little event at a local museum where we had 17 attendees. The event museum featured a traveling exhibit about all 50 states using the trivial pursuit theme. It was very popular among the attendees.

SC Chapter News

One member Tumbleweed2 contacted me with issues renewing her membership online. The website appears to have some scripting errors with the payment processor. She was eventually charged and assumed her membership was processed. But wanted us to be aware that renewals are not working properly. Also she had a hard time locating her chapter membership on her profile but I was able to walk her through the steps to locate where that information is hidden.

Puget Sound Chapter Report by Winos_Seattle

PS CHAPTER REPORT.

Considering I lost my job, all my location resources for an annual event IN THE MONTH of January have been cancelled. On the brightside, I still do have FEBRUARY and from Jerry's experience in Spokane, apparently that works better to do an annual awards banquet. That's

always been my intention. An awards banquet, during the window of nominations. Should be beneficial to all. You're up for an award!.

1st Annual WSGA Puget Sound Awards Show is intended to be held during the third weekend of February. Nikki's got a bunch of baby showers before then.

Event New Years Eve Day at Top Pots: 14 "Will Attends" 33 "attended". Success.

Olympic Peninsula Chapter Report by blue canoe

No report submitted.

South West Chapter Report by SuperKnots

South West Chapter Report

We had one event in December GCEFTRY WSGA SW Holiday Party ! We had a great turnout , everyone enjoyed the white elephant and geocoin exchange . We had it at our local pizza place .Members Peas and Corn made a beautiful ornament quilt square to use as a log book. We have members come down from Olympia and Longview for this event.

Our next event is a quick meet and greet to celebrate National Backward Day. GC8J7F5 YAD DRAWKCAB LANOITAN. We are having it at a local bakery and coffee shop . Encouraging people to have desert before dinner.

Upcoming local Events

SW Chapter member Y2K is having a Leaping 4 Leap Day event GC8GK1E. Reminding us all who are missing Leap Day caches for our calendar .

GEOregon has taken our idea from last year and is running with it by having a big Birthday Bash for Geocaching on May 3rd GC8HJZD.

Parks Liaison Reports by Peaches (of Peaches&Pete)

Summary

The Valley Cities GeoTour continues to be a successful project, as through December 2019, at least 689 Geocaching.com accounts had logged one or more finds on the GeoTour. 111 have completed the

GeoTour and received the Souvenir, and as of January 20, 2020 it has received 788 favorite points for the various caches in the GeoTour. There have been visitors from eleven (11) countries, as well as 22 states other than WA and OR. WSGA should be proud of the success of this GeoTour, and as Project Manager, I am eternally grateful to those from the WSGA Board and general membership that worked to make this such a success. At this point, I am proceeding with funding prospects to extend the GeoTour for an additional year in order to take further advantage to the vast numbers that will be visiting our area during the Geocaching 20th Anniversary events. We know that an extraordinary number of people will be coming and they usually build in additional time to geocache in our area. Once we learn if we get the necessary funding, I will be back to report how we are proceeding. However, as was the case last year, WSGA will have **no financial stake** in this project, but rather receiving funds from the grantees and paying expenses from the account, as grants must flow through a non-profit group rather than an individual. Again, I say "Thank you, WSGA, for your support in this GeoTour."

There have been no geocaching issues from any City, County or State Parks in the State of Washington that I am aware of in quite some time. If you hear of any issues regarding geocaching in any parks area, please let me know so I can contact the appropriate Park Liaison and we can work with that park to successfully mediate the issues and bring back a mutually successful geocaching situation.

Looking forward to how we can continue to help serve the WSGA in the coming year.

Annette Bailes (Peach&Pete)

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Campout Director Reports by Peaches (of Peaches&Pete)

This position, being an appointed position, rather than an elected role and direct part of WSGA voting and executive board decisions, is difficult in that I have not been directly involved in any discussions among the Executive Board on a Campout. It was the decision of the Board at a meeting in 2019 to attempt to hold a campout in 2020 but possibly do a joint campout/Ape Event for 2020. Cliff Slaughterbeck volunteered to research and find an area in his 48 North Chapter that would work. I visited with him at an event recently and he still has plans to hold a one day campout at Camano Island State Park, which has cabins to hold those attending who do not have RV vehicles. The major drawback I see from a one day campout is that those who would bring in large RVs, trailers, etc., usually do not like to relocate their RV to a campsite for ONLY ONE DAY. If the campout is held between the 20th Anniversary and Ape Event Weekend and the GeoWoodstock Event in Canada, we are severely impacted by timing as the Camano Park has no space available other than Wednesday that week. Weekday campouts are not as popular as weekend campouts and draw less participants. Plus, GeoWoodstock has events starting on Wednesday and Thursday, so it already overlaps for those who want to attend these Canadian events. I want our Summer Campout to be a successful venture and will do all I can to help that happen, but I do not have a lot of faith that we will draw many campers to a one day event.

My personal suggestion would be to either change the campout back to the last weekend in July for 2020, or to postpone a Summer Campout in 2020 due to the extreme events in our area during that very busy time. It would also put a hardship on those of us who would be volunteering at the Ape Event, and following that up with another event immediately thereafter.

Annette Bailes (Peach&Pete)
WSGA Campout Director