

Gig Harbor Seafood Feast & PITA Tournament

Some things change, and some things stay the same. Depending on what you're looking for, these can be good or not so good. For the Club's annual PITA tournament, the good things stayed the same. All the hard work by the dedicated volunteers preparing the Club for the tournament paid off as 'blue bird' weather again greeted everyone for the three day event. A total of 24,500 targets were shot at, and respectable winning scores were posted at the end of each event. On Saturday's Handicap event, Steve Werre hit one of the WSPITA Magnum purses for \$851.26, and on Sunday's 16 yard Singles event there were two perfect 100's recorded; Grant Lau in A Class, and Steve Rupp in B Class. On Saturday, the Doubles event saw Frank Neumayer lead the field with a 97. In the last event of the weekend, Sunday's handicap, Lance Keller shot a 95 to win, and earn his last 'punch' to the 27 yard line in the PITA.

On Friday's Handicap event, Paul Kirkendall registered his 150,000th PITA target. With an audience watching, Paul broke "the" target in the first event of the weekend. With the pressure off, Paul went on to enjoy the food and fellowship that seemed to pervade the entire weekend. Starting that evening attendees enjoyed a potluck of halibut, salmon, BBQ ribs and chicken, salads and assorted other delicacies followed by dessert.

Saturday saw most of the shooters 'getting it over with' to get to the seafood feast. All shooting was done by 4:00pm, and the party was underway. Deep fried lingcod and halibut kept coming out of the pot, followed by oysters off the bbq, steamed clams, smoked salmon both in chunks, and in a dip. Salmon 'slabs' were barbequed for those who could still eat following appetizers, salad, and fresh corn on the cob. For the really hearty eaters, pies, cakes, cobblers and Boone Heinz and his blended ice cream dessert topped off the gluttony.

Shooters agreed unanimously that this was a good way to finish up the PITA target year. Although another year has gone bye, the tone of this shoot with its hallmark food, good weather, and a fun time hasn't changed. Join us at Gig Harbor next year for the party that is disguised as a trap tournament.