

Meet The Board!



**Vice President
Paul Schlossman**

Paul became interested in PCRS as a way to learn more about environmental issues. Paul participated for one year as a columnist and researcher for *The Port Observer* addressing environmental issues at the port of Seattle, and he currently participates in the World Peace Through Law section of the American Bar Association. His current focus as an attorney is on public policy and human rights issues.



Try This!

The internet search engine "Good Search" will donate proceeds to us every time you use their site if you sign up PCRS's name as your non-profit of choice. You only have to enter our name the first time you use "Good Search," so it's an easy way for all of us to generate funds for restoring the habitat.

Call of the Wild

Coyotes are moving into the green spaces of Tacoma, including Puget Creek, but are you ready? Coyotes look like medium-sized dogs, weigh anywhere from 20-50 pounds, and have brownish, golden colored fur. These canines are very clever, and will scavenge any food they find, including things left by humans. Unfortunately, once coyotes see humans as non-threatening food providers, they stop hunting and become dependent on people. They start to lose their fear and can become aggressive, which has led to people being bitten in public areas of other cities, as well as very real danger for smaller children. At this point a coyote has to be killed to remove the threat, but we are the true culprits of the crime. The coyote has been trained – by us and easy access to food leftovers, pet food, and garbage – to no longer fear humans, and even to see us as being connected with food. It is up to you to take the first steps and prevent coyote-human dependency. It's easy enough to:



- 1) *Bring all food and drink items back inside after eating outside or feeding pets whether at home or at a park.*
- 2) *Keep pets inside, especially after dark.*
- 3) *Keep garbage containers closed with latches to prevent scavenging at any time.*
- 4) *Make loud noises and threatening gestures if you see a coyote at close range, which will scare it away so that it doesn't start trying to get even closer to humans.*

These simple actions will help prevent coyotes from becoming a threat, and allow us all to enjoy their call of the wild right here in our very own Puget Creek.

Coyote Fun Facts:

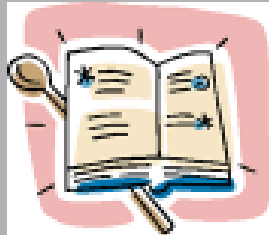
- * So much for howling at the moon. Coyotes actually howl more on nights when the moon isn't out to make sure that other coyotes know not to try sneaking into their territory while it's dark.
- * Coyotes are extremely versatile and opportunistic. They originally lived only in the American West but now move all over North and Central America since their main competitors, wolves, have mostly been eliminated by humans.
- * Juvenile coyotes can be heard in the summer trying out their voices. Also, coyotes give excited yipping howls when a group is reunited.
- * In many Native American stories, the coyote is seen as a clever trickster, which fits with their sly, tenacious nature.
- * The word "Coyote" can be said two different ways. How do you like to say it?
-Laurie Delaney

Used Ink Cartridges and Old Cell Phones

Need to get rid of those pesky used ink-jet printer cartridges or that old cell phone that you don't know what to do with? We'd be happy to take them off your hands! We're collecting a big box of cartridges and phones, and they'll be purchased from PCRS and recycled. You can get rid of some clutter, help PCRS with fundraising, and save the environment in one quick stop! Just give us a call at (253) 752-3896 to be sure someone will be at the office when you plan to stop by.

Cookbook!!!

Share native recipes of the Pacific Northwest! Have a recipe that uses native plants, fruits, or veggies for ingredients? We want to hear about it!



PCRS is still putting together a fundraising cookbook of local recipes made from native ingredients. We would love to have your recipes to add to the collection. Come on in or email to let us know so we don't miss out on your creative and delicious concoction and can add it to the publication!

Wine Tasting Event

Friday, May 18, 2007

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Hosted by Puget Creek

Restoration Society

Vino Aquino Winery

2607 - 6th Ave.

Tacoma, WA



Tickets are \$10 at the door. Please RSVP (253-779-8890)

Appetizers included, but volunteers are needed to bring cheese, crackers, meat, and desserts.

Vino Aquino will donate 20% of all sales this night to PCRS!

Your support will help us raise a boardwalk at Puget Creek.

See you there for a great time!

Creek Projects

Want to help out with hands on creek restoration? Every second Saturday of every month from 9:00am - 12:00pm PCRS will be down at Puget Creek working on improving the creek health. Come join us! No need to call ahead or make an appointment, just show up and we'll put you to work! And if you can't come then, don't worry, we have plenty of other things going on down at the creek every week, just call our office and ask what's up.

Thank You!

Grants

McGavick & Graves

Donations (time, money or misc items)

Tim Allen & Jessica Spring

Gwyneth Jones

Broadway Quick Stop

Metropolitan Market

Katie Downs Restaurant

Starbucks Coffee

Land Recovery Incorporated for X-mas trees

Puyallup Tribal Fisheries

Beckler's Mobile Welding

Services

Bill Driscoll

Puget Sound Fly Fishers Club

New/Renewed Memberships

David & Betsy Potts

Craig Zimmerman

Cary D. Nilson

Marian Berejikian



Fund Raising and Grant Writing Committee:

We wish to thank McGavick & Graves P.S. who has generously awarded funding for our Education and Outreach Programs. We are always looking for new ideas and fresh faces, so if you're a grantwriting expert or would like to learn, please attend our monthly committee meeting on the second Tuesday of each month. **If you are a connoisseur, or just want to have some fun, come join us at our Wine Tasting fundraiser at Vino Aquino on May 18th!** Many ideas are in the works for fundraising, please watch for them in other areas of the newsletter.

Membership and Outreach Committee:

This committee has been busy on several fronts; producing the newsletter, assisting with communications to those involved with PCRS, assembling a database of people and projects, and planning educational projects. One of our newest exciting outreach programs, working with high school students, is the Student Youth and Job Training Internship Program (SYTI), which allows students to complete scientific restoration tasks and gain important experience and references for jobs and college applications. We've also begun work on providing an educational course called "A Sense of Place," offered through the Northwest Environment Institute. This program cultivates discussion about physical and psychological improvements in quality of life, and the importance of maintaining a healthy environment. If you think you might be interested in this interactive course we'd be happy to tell you more. Likewise, if you think you have some good directions for us with educational or promotional ideas, we'd love to have your input!

Terrestrial and Nearshore Committee:

Our Remote Salmon Incubator is producing baby salmon! We've also been conducting a survey of beach gravel and found that sand lance have been laying eggs, which is good news for the creek ecosystem! A mudslide in the creek has kept us busy, and we've been working with Metro Parks, private landowners, and the City of Tacoma to get things cleaned up and minimize degradation of the wetland area. We're always working on keeping the creek healthy with all kinds of hands on projects like salmon, eel grass, and sand lance egg surveys, removing invasive vegetation, or new restoration ideas like putting recycled X-mas trees in the creek to create habitat components. These projects depend on lots of help, so if you feel like the hands on approach is right for you and want to join us in our efforts, come on down to our office to find the project for you!

Thank You and Have a Good Day!