

# Healthy volunteers keep NWR vibrant

**A**s you all know, volunteers are the backbone of our organization. Without dedicated volunteers we could not put on events. It is up to all of us to recruit volunteers, both from within the club and outside the club. If you see someone you think might be really good in a certain role walk up and ask them to volunteer. (If you do it in a group, it makes it harder to say no.) Talk up the position tell them how much fun it can be and how fulfilling. People who have filled many different positions in the past tend to have a better understanding of the club as a whole and certainly of the venue they have chosen to participate in.

We need to not only recruit new volunteers, but be sure we recognize those we already have. One of the biggest causes for the loss of volunteers is that we tend to take them for granted, which can actually lead to faster burnout. When you're out there having fun, be sure to tell those who make it possible that you are having fun and thank them for making it possible. Take the time to talk to them about what they do and why they are doing it. Learn as much as you can. You might find that it's something that you would be interested in doing. The work we do as volunteers can be very fulfilling and in many cases even fun although it can be a lot of work as well.

On another note, the best way to get change is to get those who believe we need change to volunteer so that the new ideas and new blood

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percolate up through the system. One thing about a volunteer organization is it cannot grow or change if we keep sitting back and letting the old guard just keep doing things the way they have for the past 50 years. We need them around because a sense of history, and so we understand why and how things have been done. But we also need new members and volunteers so we can continue to grow and evolve, otherwise we will go the way of the dinosaurs. So go out there, start helping us, and fill those vacant positions that are showing up in all venues or positions that need replacing. Help us grow and improve our club.

All this reminds me that we are approaching that time when we will be asking for nominees for those annual region awards. They are all listed on the website, so go take a look at them and see if you can think of someone who would be a good winner for this year. Look at past winners and realize what they have done for us. For now, send any nominations to Chuck Huffington at [chuckhu99@hotmail.com](mailto:chuckhu99@hotmail.com) or Jackie Kmetz at [speedyjackie@gmail.com](mailto:speedyjackie@gmail.com).

Have fun, play safe.

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## Get out the vote for NWR

### NCSN STAFF

This is a year where most of the Northwest Region's board of directors are up for re-election.

Positions up for grabs are regional executive, secretary, treasurer, assis-

tant regional executive and two members-at-large.

All nominations should have a second and can be sent to [nwr-bod@nwr-scca.org](mailto:nwr-bod@nwr-scca.org) or mailed to membership chair Esther Sicks, P.O. Box 506, Port Orchard, WA 98366.



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