

## **Washington State Spring Recap**

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On April 9<sup>th</sup> we held a Washington State Club picnic on the Great Lawn, enjoying a choice of fried chicken or mac and cheese with sides. Many attendees stayed to play bocce ball or mini golf.

Some club members will be heading back to Washington to enjoy the cooler summer months. This picnic was our final event until the fall when we resume our activities. It was also an opportunity to reflect on the fun events we had this year.

Our tour of the Luke Air Force Base reminded us of the dedication of our service men and women. We hear the planes overhead, but visiting the base helps us appreciate the history and complexity of the base operations.

The crab feed is always popular and this year's event was no exception. We enjoyed raffles, silent auction baskets, a band, and of course, crab, and side dishes.

Fifty-two members gathered to watch the Seattle Mariners vs Colorado Rockies Spring training game. Happily the Mariners won 12 to 3 and the weather was perfect.

In March we took a bus trip to Saguaro Lake where we had lunch and a cruise. Captain Dan's sense of humor and lively narration added a lot to the trip. Having drink orders taken and delivered by onboard servers was very helpful.

Reflecting on past events helps us decide where we want to go for future Club adventures. We have a wonderful season ahead!

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Picnic - April



Luke Air Base - January



Crab Feed - February



Mariner's practice - March



Saguaro lake cruise - March

