

# AWRA Winter Newsletter: UW Student Chapter



Greetings everyone,

The AWRA UW student chapter would like to let you know about our past activities during the autumn quarter (2005) and upcoming activities for this New Year (2006). We hope you'll join us at our upcoming Member Social— Friday , January 27th at 12:00pm – 1:30pm to eat FREE Pizza, drink FREE refreshments, discuss future activities and have the opportunity to get to know each other a little better.

Thanks everyone,  
From the UW AWRA officers  
*Ted, Brian, Arden, Julie, Matt, and Chris*



## Upcoming!

AWRA Member Social

When: January 27th, 12—1:30pm

Where: Forest Club Room at Anderson Hall 207

What: We'll provide lunch—come hang out socialize and help plan our winter and spring events!

## Autumn 2005:

We had an excellent turnout at the kick-off meeting during the first week of classes. Those that attended the meeting came up with a great list of ideas for future AWRA activities. During the quarter we coordinated a number of your recommended activities, and would very much like to work with you to organize your other recommended activities.

## Restoration Event:

On November 5th, about twenty University of Washington students braved the cold and rain to help People for Puget Sound restore a site along the Duwamish River. Alison Prior, a student from Australia who was in Seattle for the National AWRA Conference, joined us for the restoration event. People for Puget Sound are involved with a number of restoration sites along the Duwamish.

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Although this area is heavily industrialized, the Duwamish provides important fish passage for salmon migrating into the Cedar Watershed.

The particular site that we worked to improve was Terminal 105, an artificial side channel that provides estuarine wetland habitat. We planted native trees and shrubs to help recover the riparian area. This improvement will help salmon that utilize this habitat when they rest and acclimate during their migration between salt-water and freshwater environments. Be sure to check out photos of the event at <http://students.washington.edu/awra/photos.htm>.

Many thanks to all who participated!



#### **AWRA BBQ:**

Following the restoration event, we warmed ourselves up at the AWRA BBQ. A wide variety of delicious food, including salmon, enchiladas, shish kabob, hamburgers, and veggie burgers, soothed sore muscles and helped us forget about the chilly rain earlier in the day (of course, the plentiful beer aided us in this endeavor). After some lively discussions ranging from tree-planting to politics to travel to gossip about our respective professors, we topped it all off with a healthy dose of cookies, brownies, and German chocolate cake. Many of us were so full we did not need to eat the next day - a surprising side benefit of the BBQ! Thanks to all who came and contributed to the party - it was a resounding success. Thanks as well to Brian and Ashley for hosting.

#### **National AWRA Conference:**

The National AWRA's 2005 Annual Water Resources Conference was held in downtown Seattle on November 7-10. Four UW student chapter members attended the conference, with two supported by fellowships from the Washington State section of AWRA. In addition to the many technical presentations at the conference, students were able to attend a Career Development Workshop, where they learned from a consultant about skills for finding and obtaining jobs. Students also attended a Career Night, where a panel of water resource professionals from government, academic, non-profit, and private sector jobs discussed water-related career options.

#### **State Section Newsletter**

Check out what the State of Washington Section of AWRA has been up to: <http://earth.golder.com/waawra/PDF/2005-04-waarwranews.pdf>

#### **Fellowships:**

Last for Autumn 2005, two student members received fellowships from the State Chapter of AWRA. One of the students work related to in-stream restoration projects and the other focused on understanding water pathways through hillslopes using a combination of hydrologic measurements and physically-based hydrologic models. In 2006, we hope that other members of the UW chapter will also receive the fellowship from the State Chapter and we will notify you when the application process is open again.



## **Winter 2006:**

### **State Section of AWRA**

The Washington AWRA state section kicked off the New Year with a board meeting. During this meeting new committees were formed and planning commenced for the state annual conference scheduled for the second or third week in November 2006. Additionally, the board expressed great interest in providing mentoring opportunities for university students and a committee was formed to address state chapter – university chapter relationships. Students interested in AWRA mentoring are encouraged to come to the student meeting and express how the state members can best serve them. Also, students are encouraged to attend the AWRA annual meeting. At this meeting Doug Kelly, Island County's Hydrogeologist will discuss Island County's efforts to address seawater intrusion risk on Whidbey and Camano Islands. The meeting will be held:

**January 26, 2006, Pyramid Ale House  
1201 First Avenue South, Seattle, WA  
(Across from Safeco Field)**



### **Volunteer Party for those that attended the Restoration Event In November 2005: Hosted by People for Puget Sound**

Volunteer Appreciation Party – Saturday January 21, from 4-8pm

In honor of all the volunteers who have shared their time and talents with People For Puget Sound we are hosting a grand party! Beginning with last year's Lobby Day, through four seasons of restoration events, dozens of ongoing research-intensive projects, a number of well-attended conferences and influential forums and the record-breaking success of the Harbor Lights auction, it has been an incredible year for volunteer participation. We celebrate all of your achievements! This year, the new board president, Melissa Mager, has generously offered her fabulous home as our party pad. Join us for delicious food, warm camaraderie, and the hilarious improv antics of Unexpected Productions! Please RSVP to Jenny Aunan at 206-382-7007 or email [jaunan@pugetsound.org](mailto:jaunan@pugetsound.org) by January 18 to receive directions to Melissa's home.

### **THE 2005-2006 UW RESTORATION ECOLOGY GROUP at the UNION BAY- NATURAL AREA: COME JOIN US!**

The Restoration Ecology Group is seeking energetic and dedicated individuals for upcoming ecological restoration work in the Union Bay Natural Area. If you are interested in joining an exciting team to make a positive impact on the environment and the neighboring community, then this is the project for you!!

Hosted by the UW Restoration Ecology Group, this is a great opportunity to enhance your resume, meet environmentally and community conscious people, and have a great time.

When: Sunday, January 22nd from 12 pm to 4 pm.

Where: Meet us in the parking lot next to the Douglas Research Laboratory at the Center for Urban Horticulture. The work site is directly east of the lot.

Our goals: To remove invasive weeds and shrubs, lay down mulch, plant native trees, and install aesthetic landscaping to increase the vigor and beauty of a degraded ecosystem.

What to bring: Warm clothes and rain gear, depending on the forecast, and a smile. We will provide necessary tools. For questions or additional info: Contact Ivona Kaczynski at [ikaczynski@gmail.com](mailto:ikaczynski@gmail.com)

**The Water Center's Annual Review of Research** will occur on February 16, 2006 from 8:00 to 5:00 pm in the HUB, West Ballroom at the University of Washington. For more information contact: The Water Center website at <http://depts.washington.edu/cwws/> or (206) 543-6920.

### **Summer 2006:**

#### **AWRA Summer Specialty Conference**

#### *Adaptive Management of Water Resources*

**Missoula, Montana - June 26 - 28, 2006**

**(Call for Abstracts Deadline: January 20, 2006)**

The registration for students is:

AWRA National Member    Pre - \$100 @ the event - \$140

Non-AWRA Member        Pre - \$120 @ the event - \$160

There will be exploration of critical issues in adaptive management, working towards developing consensus on the key terms and the concepts, and discussion of the critical "parts" (e.g., science, monitoring, management, policy, legal, public involvement, socioeconomics, information management and funding) necessary to implement successful scientifically-based adaptive-management projects or programs. There will also be exploration of practical, "real world" lessons-learned on such topics as the role adaptive management in conflict resolution and the use of regulatory and voluntary, non-regulatory management approaches, such as wetland banking, endangered species habitat conservation, water quality credit trading, and other forms of market-based environmental stewardship.

FULL TIME STUDENTS receive a substantial discount on registration fees – see above. The Early Bird Registration Full Conference Fee (if received by **May 31, 2006**) is \$390 for AWRA members and \$490 for non-members. Pre-registration is required! One-day registrations are also offered. **No refunds will be given after the May 31, 2006.**

More information is available from <http://www.awra.org/meetings/Montana2006/index.html>



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