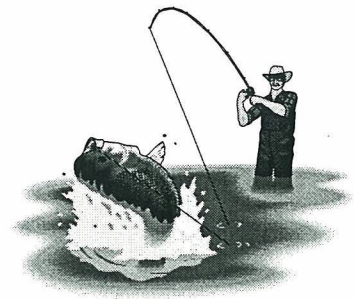


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## Response to Questionnaire

Attached to the November 1997, Retirees Newsletter was a questionnaire regarding future retirees retreats. You were asked to respond to eight questions, returning the questionnaire to the RAC/CVO by January 15, 1998. Of about 275 receiving the newsletter, 26 returned the questionnaire, a 10 percent response.

In terms of East Coast, Central, or West Coast locations; 4 responses were received from the East Coast, 1 from Central, 20 from the West Coast, and 1 unknown. A tabulation of the results of the questionnaire is attached, with discussion to follow.

## Discussion

Let's examine the answers to the eight questions.

**Question 1**—22 of 26 respondents felt that retreats should be organized in the three general areas of the country; East Coast, Central, and West Coast. This is an overwhelming majority, but does 10 percent response represent the 275 retirees?

**Question 2**—23 people responded to this question, 15 yes, 8 no. Those willing to help organize, promote, and put on a retreat in their part of the country are listed below.

**East Coast:** Bob Goodings (Canada/Ontario)

**Central:** None

**West Coast:** Harry Mejdell, Chuck Meek, Earl Reynolds (if within 300 miles of Boise), George Silkworth, LaMont Matthews, Don Benson, Ed Lance (help, but not lead) Alan White, Carl Ryden, Dick Nichols, Don Wengler, Hal Mozer, Joe Worth, Bob Harding (help, but not lead), Dan Fox, Ken Stuart, and Ken Beilman

**Question 3**—With regard to frequency of the retreats, every other year prevailed, but not by much. Nor does it really matter. The frequency will most likely be

dictated by those willing to organize and promote the affair—probably no more often than every other year in one particular part of the country, but they might occur every year somewhere.

**Question 4**—There were lots of good suggestions on where retreats might be held:

**East Coast Region**—Gainesville, FL; Niagara Falls or Ontario

**Central Region**—Denver

**West Coast Region**—Ashland, OR (4) (again); Bend, OR; Sunriver or Blackbutte, OR; Sunvalley (2); San Juan Islands (2); Vancouver, B.C. (3); Victoria, B.C. (3); Oregon/Northern California Coast; California Wine Country—Napa; Seattle; San Diego; Portland; Las Vegas

**Question 5**—Of the four seasons winter received only one vote; whereas it was almost a toss-up for the other three, spring being slightly ahead of summer and fall.

**Question 6**—The majority of respondents felt that two nights and three days was the optimum length for the retreat, but the organizers could certainly do as they felt best.

**Question 7**—Of all the activities listed, tennis was the only one not to receive at least one vote. The top five activities desired by the respondents are (1) scenic tours, (2) local tours, (3) theatre/entertainment, (4) golf, and (5) art galleries.

**Question 8**—There were several "Other Comments" received that were particularly favorable regarding the Ashland retreat. Travel Ideas.

## Conclusion

Even though we received only 26 responses, the thinking here at the RAC (Retirees Activities Center) in Corvallis is that another retreat should be held sometime in 1999. We will be looking for a site in Washington, Oregon, or California, with Carl Ryden and Tom Gibbs exploring possibilities in WA;