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President's Line



DOUG BOOTH
 2007 PRESIDENT

Fishing is at its most basic is a competitive process, whether it's a competition between a fisherman and a fish or an angler against his peers. There are also many types of competitive activities from the obvious like sporting events to gaining entrance to educational institutions. It can get you a promotion at work or cost you a few bucks at the local casino. Most of us would agree that everyone wants to excel in the things we enjoy doing. Competition is a good thing. It can force individuals to go beyond what they may have thought they could do. I've had members invite me to fish alongside them during a tournament, show me how to fish and even given me their baits to use. Unfortunately it can also bring out the worst in people as well. Of course we have all got stories of how someone pulled in just ahead of your boat and started fishing your area or someone beat you to an area that maybe you fished the day before. How someone you showed your "secret" spot to lead his partner to that spot during a tournament.

Our club like every other bass club has tournaments and it seems to be one if not the most popular activity we do and a tournament, at its core, is the quintessential competition. It's how we measure our abilities as anglers against others in our sport/hobby/pastime and there are many types

of bass tournaments one can compete in. Some of our members have won several thousands of dollars fishing tournaments. But for our club, I don't see that happening in our club tournaments in the near future. What I do see is around 7 tournaments a year and an angler of the year. At most a member might win a few hundred dollars (about the cost of gas to participate in a tournament) and maybe a trophy. It is still a competition.

Because it is competition we need to have rules. Tournament rules are posted on our website and are on the back of every blast off card and are usually addressed at the drivers or club meeting. These are for the most part very clear and when in doubt left up to the Tournament Director to interpret and rule on. They are pretty simple to understand and comply with. That is all any angler needs to know before he enters any tournament. There are however some *unwritten* rules that have been around for as long as there have been tournaments. These unfortunately aren't as clear and can be misinterpreted or just plain ignored or unwillingly broken.

Since our club tournaments are, in the grand scheme of things fairly small potatoes, we usually don't bother with the finer points of tournament etiquette or ethics. However with the increasing amount of newer members as well as first time tournament fisherman I thought I might mention things that historically have been issues.

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Events Calendar

September 2007

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Cast for Kids Lake Washington
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 General Meeting - 2008 Lake Selection	21	22 Lake Chelan Tourney
23 Lake Chelan Tourney	24	25	26	27	28	29

Upcoming Events

- ◆ CAST for Kids Lake Washington
Saturday, September 8th
Gene Coulon Launch
6:30 am

- ◆ General Meeting
Thursday, September 20th
7:00 pm
2008 Lake Selection

- ◆ Lake Chelan Tournament
September 22-23

October 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Silver Lake Fish-in
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Lake Washington Team Tourney
14 Lake Washington Team Tourney	15	16	17	18 General Meeting	19	20

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Fish - In
Silver Lake
Saturday, October 6th
Launch 7:00 am

- ◆ Team Tournament
Lake Washington
October 13-14

- ◆ General Meeting
Thursday, October 18th
7:00 pm

2007 BOARD INFORMATION

GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

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Date:	Third Thursday of each month (Except December)
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Kennydale Community Center 2424 NE 27th St. Renton, WA

Please feel free to visit the club website or contact a board member if you need directions or have any questions.

Club Homepage:
www.westernbassclub.com

Membership dues are \$35 per year - \$40 after March 1st for renewing members.

Dues for new members only \$35 (year round).

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First is fishing "someone's water or area". Although the rules don't state a specific distance separating two contestants it is general understood to be 50 yards. That means that a competitor is not allowed any closer than 50 yards without consent of the first or original boater. This is where some of the *unwritten* rules spring up and because they are *unwritten* I won't begin to tell you what and how many there are. What I will say is that we are all fishing public waters so no one owns any spot.

Pre-fishing or previous knowledge of productive locations doesn't grant you sole access to that particular area. It is first come first serve to any 50 yard area. With that being said, it doesn't assure you that everyone will welcome you with open arms. The best suggestion I can give is to apply the golden rule: *Don't do anything to someone that you wouldn't want done to you.* If you had done well on spot the first day of a tournament would you want someone to beat you to that spot the second day, probably not? If you were fishing an area up to your prime spot and someone pulls ahead of you and sits on that spot would you want to congratulate him when he takes home a trophy, again not to likely.

While these scenarios aren't addressed by any specific rule, our club's founding members made mention of the importance of sportsmanship in the tournament rules:

- *Sportsmanship*
 - *All contestants shall obey all State and Federal laws and follow the highest standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation*
 - *Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be cause for disqualification*
 - ***Drunkness** by any contestant during tournament hours **will not be tolerated** and will result in immediate disqualification*
 - *All courtesies shall be extended to contestants and non-contestants alike*
 - *Any act which reflects unfavorably on the Western Bass Club or its goals may result in disqualification*
 - *Any infraction resulting in a citation by a Law or Wild-life Officer may result in disqualification*

It's my hope as well as the club's underlying theme that everyone has a great time fishing tournaments. As long as we can give and take a bit, understand sometimes there may be issues arise just because of innocent misunderstanding. Above all try to make everyone glad that they had the opportunity to test their skills against your own.

Doug Booth

Special Events



ANDREA LOGSTON
2007 SPECIAL EVENTS

CAST for Kids – Thank you!

I want to express my extreme thanks to the WBC members who made the effort to come out to the

CAST for Kids event at Gene Coulon Park on Saturday, Sept 8th.

The members who brought their boats to take the special children out were:

- Jim Smith (Smitty) in the incredibly fast Strados
- Stu and Ryan Karpenko in the great Lund
- Chris Blandi in the sleek Bass Cat
- Russell Baker in the Quest wrapped i-Class Skeeter

You should have seen the smiles on all the kids faces when they returned to the launch at noon after having spent the morning with our guys in their boats, they were all so excited about the rides and the fish caught (size did NOT matter). It was also reported to me that Smitty took a second child out in the afternoon, since that child "missed the boat" earlier in the day! Thanks Smitty!

Our WBC ground crew this year was small but mighty!

- Richard Faz – was outstanding as a boat backer in er
- Heather Baker – 2nd year pro at the rig key board
- José Gómez-Elegido – another pro at the rig key board and also boat hooker up er
- Brock Logston – well, you know . . .

Thanks to all again!

For more information on this program and to read testimonials on past events you can look up their website at www.castforkids.org

Andrea Logston – Special Events

Green Slips



CARLOS TRUJILLO
2007 GREETER /GREEN SLIPS

Hello Western!
It's been an interesting Summer. We've seen some real nasty

weather but we've also seen some real nice fish. Personally, I'm starting to look forward to the "Fall bite" when the fish start to put on the feed bag.

This month we have a couple of young guns making the list and that's nice to see for a change. But of course Jim Rumann came in with the biggest green slip this month, again. He landed a nice Smallmouth out of Lake Washington on a weightless Senko. So without further ado here

Don't forget to get your scales verified!!
I will have the equipment at each meeting, so bring in your scale and get it calibrated.
This must be done prior to turning in a green slip!

are your August green slips

Jim Rumann won the 5 bucks for the biggest green slip with his 4lb 8oz. Smallie out of Lake Washington. I got the 5 for Big fish kitty.

Bring me your scales so we can get you calibrated.

Name	Weight	SM/LM	Bait	Lake
Jim Rumann	4lb 8oz	SM	Weightless Senko	Washington
Bob Payseno	4lb 1oz	LM	Crankbait	Potholes
Carlos Trujillo	2lb 14oz	SM	Carolina Rig Lizard	Wallula Tri-cities
José Gómez-Elegido	2lb 8oz	SM	Football Head Jig	Washington
Conner Booth	2lb 3oz	LM	Senko (Wacky)	Duck Lake
Caleb Booth	1lb 13oz	SM	Drop Shot Panic Minnow	Washington

Fish on,
Carlos Trujillo

Entertainment



BILL HILL
2007 ENTERTAINMENT
DIRECTOR

I hope you all have had a great summer – yes there were at least 7 good days this summer. Now for some it's time to get the kids back in school. That means that the lakes will not be as crowded as they were. Less boat traffic, oh yes and ski boats and Jet Skis flying on the water to challenge us. September and October will be good times on the water.

I wanted to take a minute to thank Mike Wolsky and Dave Hendrickson for sharing with us their favorite and secret spots on the lakes as they fished their way to becoming NW Anglers of the Year. They revealed the new and secret lures they used during the season. Yea right. Sorry if you missed the meeting, now we all know what it takes to be a winner. O.K. I'm kidding. But they gave a super talk. Mike and Dave set many new records as they fished their way to their award. They took first place at Potholes with 20 pounds and then took first place at Boardman with 16 plus. What a great year for them.

Often we overlook what it takes to win these tournaments and I wanted to also acknowledge Shannon Wolsky and Katie McGregor who were always there at the drivers meetings and the weigh in's to encourage and support Mike and Dave. At Boardman it was 5:45 in the morning when I saw two bundled up girls at the edge of the dock watching the blast off. There were Shannon and Katie on



the edge of the dock watching Mike and Dave take off on their way to another win. Yep it's those behind the scenes people who make us winners.

Now for this month's entertainment – it's lake selection time. Please prepare a list of the lakes you would like to fish next year. Banks, Roosevelt, Chelan, Washington, Sammamish, Long Lake, Potholes, Moses. There are a lot of lakes from which to choose. Come prepare to vote for your favorite places.

Fish On.

Your entertainment Director,

Bill Hill

Secretary

DORN BARR
2007 SECRETARY

Last month Nick and I took a trip to Tulsa, Oklahoma for the KAAF National Challenge. It was a short trip, but full of adventure. We were able to get in a trip to Flippin, Arkansas. Yes, for those who don't know about Flippin it is the home of Ranger Boats, but more importantly for Nick was a few miles down the road. The Legend Boat factory is where we were given an after hours tour and Nick learned how his boat was constructed. As a Marketing teacher, I was extremely impressed with how these boats are constructed and how much care is given to making it the best Bass fishing boat possible. We inquired on how long it would take if we were to order a bigger boat and was told it would be 4 to 6 weeks from the time the order came in the door until it was ready to be shipped out to our house. Well, they have certainly become more popular, because now it is up to 14 weeks.

Nick is already making plans. The Legend Boat folks put

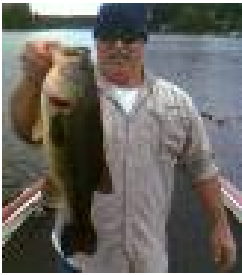
us up in a lodge and Nick got in a little fishing. Next year, we get to go for a week thanks to the folks from Legend. The people of Flippin were great and so nice.

Tulsa was also a great place to visit. We had dinner with Gordon Holland who originated the National program Hooked on Fishing International. This is the twentieth year and it has grown internationally. We met some great folks from all across the country, mainly from the Mississippi River to the east. Nick was the only one from the West. And, just for your information the Flippin High School mascot is the Bobcats.

Enjoy your last few months of fishing!

Dorn Barr

Tournament Report



JIM RUMANN
2007 TOURNAMENT
DIRECTOR

How are you doing?
It seems like this summer has been a long one to me, but very enjoyable.

If you have missed out on the tournaments, here are the results for the Lower Columbia. The top three were first Henry Dover, Terry Steffenson second, and third Troy Kelly, new faces on the podium. Terry Steffensen got big fish with a 3.28 lb smallie. Everyone caught fish. It seems as though if you had one or two solid fish you were going to be at the top. Everyone seem to have a tough bite on Saturday. On the second day, Henry Dover and his wife Angie, make some adjustments and both came in with limits. Henry's bag for Sunday was the nicest for the

Place	Standings	Total Weight
1	Henry Dover	14.84
2	Terry Steffensen	13.80
3	Troy Kelly	13.54
4	Bryan Olsen	12.28
5	Lyle Logston	11.68
6	Doug Booth	11.67
7	Matt Herrera	11.58
8	Glenn May	11.30
9	Brian Walker	11.02
10	Keri May	10.94
11	Mark Brown	10.88
12	Jim Rumann	10.82
13	Rocky Beemen Jr.	10.78
14	Joel Booth	10.47
15	Angie Dover	9.98
16	Rocky Beemen Sr	9.50
17	Jesse Papolowski	9.00
18	Mark Maderos	8.72
19	Richard Fazakerley	8.30
20	Aaron Herrera	7.94
21	Jim Smith	6.66
22	Ernest Griffin	6.62
23	Branden Aberle	6.56
24	José Gómez-Elegido	6.06
25	Jack O`Day	4.58
26	Deirdre O`Day	3.16
27	Bob Brownlee	2.78



weekend, 8.26 lb. It goes to show that when the fish are not were you last caught them, it is time to go find where they moved to.

I don't know about anybody else, but I am glad that I went with someone who has a pilot's lice sense, because we flew. It seemed as though everything around us went quiet four times (four wakes, big ones). All is well that ends well. Everyone made it back safely and no broken pieces.

Our last points tournaments is on Lake Chelan. It has shaped up for a good ending. There are several people who are in the running for angler of the year: Bob Pay-seno, Brian Walker, and Lyle Logston. These three are tied for the lead with 175 points. I expect to see you there. Bring your boats and shinny new lures, make your presence known, and make a difference.



Just a small note here. We are coming up on winter and if you haven't done any boat or truck maintenance, now it will be a good time. Service before, not fix after, is the name of the game.



Don't forget that lake selection for next year will be at our September meeting.

See you on the water.

Jim Rumann

August Fish-In Report



STU KARPENKO
2007 AMBASSADOR
DIRECTOR

We had another great Fish-In on August 11. I moved the fish-in from Alder to Washington because the water at Alder was too low to use the ramp.

were caught from all over the lake. Many on dropshots and tubes (and some on 3-ways).

The brats were actually very good this time (thanks to everyone for trying to make be feel better about the brats at Lawrence) but now that they turned out good, I see how bad they were last time.



Washington turned out to be a very good substitute for Alder. Thanks again, everyone who came out. Stu

Thanks to Pat S, Jim R., John, Chris B, José, Faz, Mark M. and our new member Scott W.

The weather was perfect and most everyone caught a fair number of fish. Jim R. had the big fish of 4 lb 9 oz smallie. Several people caught fish between 2 and 4 lbs. The fish



October Fish-In

For the October Fish-In, we are going to see what Silver Lake in Cowlitz County can produce for us in the early Fall. I considered going up North, but after talking to several people about how they love Silver in the Fall, I think we should really take advantage of this early October date (Oct. 6).

Carlos and Brian went down to Silver on this same weekend last year and tore them up on cranks and other reaction baits. Just check out the picture of Carlos on this page for your proof. I encourage you all to make the drive for what should be some good fishing.



We'll launch at 7:00 am at the Public

Launch. The drive is about 1.5 to 2.5+ hours, depending on where you live, so plan accordingly.

NON-BOATERS: While you are not required to arrange for a boat at Fish-Ins, this would be a good one to arrange for a ride down there. It's a long drive, and some boaters will likely be looking for company and to share the gas expense.

Because the drive is so long, I am not going to set up a breakfast, but there are a few places just off the freeway a few exits south of Centralia, if you need some nourishment. There is also a gas station on the right hand side of the road across from Burger King on Hwy 504 that makes some breakfast items that will stick to your insides for week – it's up to you whether that is a good or bad thing.

When: Saturday, October 6th Meet at the Public Launch at 7:00 am



Where: Silver Lake, Cowlitz County - Public Launch

Directions: Take I-5 south about 2 hours from Tacoma; Take Exit 49 (Spirit Lake HWY 504) ; Take left off exit and go back over I-5 (Burger King is on your left); Stay straight for Approximately 8-9 miles (Past the Silver Lake Motel & Resort); Public launch is on the right hand side (follow the signs).



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WESTERN BASS CLUB NEWS

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September Birthdays

Pamela Graham	2	Cathy Sergeant	15
Andrea Logston	2	Angie Dover	25
Brianne Walker	2	Paige Jarrell	25
David Jarrell	3	Tyrone Nowicki	25
Stephanie Todd	4	Rocky, Jr. Beemen	27
Carlos Trujillo	4	Pamela Emrich	30
Mark Maderos	8	Abigail Emrich	30
Kaylynn Poplawski	11	Jim Shaffer	30



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2007 Western Bass Club Tournament Schedule

APRIL 28-29	Silver Lake	Draw
MAY 19-20	Potholes	Points 1
JUNE 16-17	Banks	Points 2
JULY 28-29	Roosevelt	Jack & Jill
AUGUST 25-26	Lower Columbia	Points 3
SEPTEMBER 22-23	Chelan	Points 4
OCTOBER 13-14	Washington	Team

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