



Western Bass Club

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WBC NEWS December 2008

President

Way out on the sandbar

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This past week the board met at our monthly meeting to discuss issues of importance and carry out the business of the club. During the meeting the issue of tournament rules change procedure was discussed at length, with I think, most of the arguments on both sides of the issue being aired out. It was decided to bring this issue back to the floor of the general membership on a one-time basis for discussion at the January meeting. I urge all who have an interest in this process to attend the meeting for the next two or three months and take part in the discussion.

A decision was made to raise dues to \$45.00 annually and eliminate the annual Sportsman Show raffle as a fund-raising project. Anyone who had paid their dues early (ME), would be asked to contribute the additional money to the club treasury.

Finally, I have had the opportunity over the last 17 years to watch this club grow, change, and adapt with the changing times and challenges of our always expanding world. Most of those changes have been positive, albeit sometimes painful. I have had the privilege of maintaining a position of stewardship within the club through several of those 17 years as the treasurer, a board member, and now the President. It is a feeling both of pride and satisfaction, I will take with me when I retire and leave the immediate region this spring. I have promised myself that as long as I remain in the state of Washington, I will remain a member of Western Bass Club and you might even find me at some lake, OUT ON A SANDBAR.

Smitty AKA Dune Hopper

Entertainment Director

Going into this winter, everyone is planning for the year, dreaming of all the fish to be caught. This January we will be having a very accomplished angler who has caught all the fish, taking home over \$100,000. Our January guest speaker is Dave Kromm, winner of the 2008 FLW Series Tri-Cities event. Dave has been the guy to beat on the tournament trails in the Northwest and is planning on fishing the FLW Tour this upcoming year. He will be speaking about his win on the Columbia River and answering all of your questions.

We are hoping to make this into a large event to bring in some new members, so I look forward to seeing you all at the January meeting.

Nick Barr



Greeter/Green Slips

Don't forget to get your scales certified!! I will have the equipment at each meeting. Remember scales must be certified prior to turning in greenslips.

Green slips from November's meeting:

<i>Chris Blandi</i>	<i>LM</i>	<i>10/18/08</i>	<i>Martha Lake</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Senko</i>
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Chris B. was the big winner this month; he took the \$10 Green Ship fish and \$2 Big Bass kitty.

In attendance:

Mark M	Karl	Jose	Bill H
Dan M	The Rev	Bree W	Mark B
Nick B	Thomas	Henry	Chris B
Patricia	Dale	Nick C	John
Smitty	Phil	Mike S	Ray H
Robert	Mike B	Angie	Rodney
Dorn	Brian W	Mr. & Mrs. Pickle	Jim Gardner

Angie Dover

2008 Greeter / Green slips

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Fish-In Report

Larry Sullivan

Ambassador Director

Hey Western!! Did ya get me my present yet!!! Hope you all are having a great time this holiday season and that you and you families are safe and together.



We had a great day at American Lake where we had 9 boats with 16 people!!! Yeah!!! Folks are just ready for some fishin!!! Too bad the Bass weren't too active...Brian boated the only Bass...a nice 2-1/5 pound Smally that jumped ship at the launch preventing a picture!! We did get pics of the gathering around the Chili Pot where the nice warm Chili-Dogs took the edge off the cold and the weather remained cold but clear for the entire event.

Lots of folks reported catching and or getting bit by plenty of Perch....I hope to go back there for some of those critters plus we will be going back to American in May so look for it!

Thanks go out to...Jose, Faz, Chris B and Susan, Brian, Blaine, Matt B., Jeff I, Nightbasser, Mark B., Ernest, John G., Troy, Matt C., and a special Thanks to Rodney for heading up the logistics for this event! Next time I will get more sleep.

Next month...January 3rd. 2009 we will be at Lake Washington and will meet at the Dennys at NE 44th and I-405 at 6:30 AM and then at the launch at 8 AM. We will use the East Mercer launch for cover in case it rains and I look forward to seeing you all as we head into another year of friends and fellowship!!

**Larry Sullivan**

Ambassador Director

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Special Events**WBC Holiday Party & Awards Banquet!**Saturday January 10th, 2009

Set up: 6:00 p.m. Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Location:

All Saints Lutheran Church
27725 Military Road South
Federal Way, WA 98003

Directions:

From I-5, take the 272nd Street Exit and head east to Military Road South, the church is on the corner.**Bring a favorite Side Dish or Dessert to share with all**

Holiday Greetings to all!

We hope that this past year finds you all happy and healthy, and ready for a new season of fishing.

To start off our New Year right, we will be having our annual WBC Awards Banquet on January 10th, 2009. This is a great time to swap stories, enjoy the raffle, feast on great food, and get ready to win that Crank Bait Tree. Don't forget to bring a new Crank Bait for the Crank Bait Tree; you never know how many you could bring back home!

We are looking for new and exciting items to add to our banquets raffle this year. Any donations of Bass fishing related items, camping gear, warm clothing, even fishing DVD's make great gifts to win. Our club is a non-profit club and so any donations can be used as a tax deduction.

This year we are asking if each person could bring a couple of items of canned food to be donated to the local food bank. This is a great time to donate since the foods banks are virtually empty by the end of the holiday season. Thank you in advance!

Next I would like to remind everyone that we are going to be at the WASHINGTON SPORTSMEN'S SHOW in Puyallup. This is on January 21st - January 25th, 2009. We still have many positions to fill for manning the booth. We will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting, and you can contact me abcstitch@msn.com if you want to sign up earlier. Just a note we are not selling raffle tickets this year at the booth. Thank you to all that have signed up so far!

Hope to see you all in January at the banquet,

Mike Beedle

Western Bass Club Membership Form

Spouse, children under 18, and grandchildren are also members with your paid annual dues.

NEW MEMBER AND MEMBER RENEWAL FORM

Name (please print) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Birthday _____ NEW MEMBER / RENEWAL (please circle appropriate choice)

Home Phone (____) _____ E-Mail Address _____

Spouse's Name _____ Birthday _____

List Children:

Name _____ Birthday _____

Name _____ Birthday _____

Name _____ Birthday _____

PLEASE NOTE:

Dues are \$45 for new members and renewals.

Your signature on this application releases Western Bass Club from all claims for any injury and/or damage, personal or property that you, members of your family, or guests may cause or sustain.

Make checks payable to: Western Bass Club

Member Signature _____ Date _____

Check Number _____

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