



Western Bass Club

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President

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Happy Holidays Fellow Western Bass Club Members,

I can't believe December is here already and before you know it the New Year will be here.

First up is our season ending awards banquet. CHECK OTHER POSTINGS FOR LOCATION, DATE AND TIME FOR THIS EVENT. MARK YOUR CALANDERS AND DON'T FORGET.

Then our general membership meeting is the third Thursday followed by the Puyallup Sportsman Show. Dates for the Show are January 27-31. We will need members to sign up and work this event. Our main goal is to share knowledge of the freshwater opportunities in the Great Northwest and maybe recruit some new members.

So much info to get out there concerning these events and I am relying on our board members to provide the specifics. This can be a tough time of year for our club because of new members coming onto the board and old members leaving. Please be patient and ask if we might forget something.

Remember, we are volunteers and will do our best to steer Western Bass Club in a manner consistent with our main mission statement. We won't make everyone happy and we won't be perfect. As The new president I will do my best to make the experience positive for all members.

I hope everyone has a Happy Holiday Season

See you all in January

Phil Hudgens
President

Meeting Minutes

Dan Mowry

Secretary**General Meeting 11/19/09**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M

Meeting Minutes for October 2009, Read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

We have \$1822.96 in the bank, with a check for T-shirts and Hats pending.

Greeter/Greenslips:

There were no greenslips turned in for the month. New member tonight, Kevin Bye, WELCOME. The new T-shirt's and Hat's will be available tonight. Hoodies and Jackets will also be available.

Ambassador Report:

There were 2 boats, 5 members and NO fish.

December Fish-in will be impromptu, or non-existent, check the forum for update?

Entertainment:

Nick had a sign-up letter to oppose the proposed Lead ban in Washington. It is for three lakes, but could lead to trouble down the road. He will have more info on the web-site.

Nick gave a talk on battery tips, and maintenance.

VP/Tournament Director Report:

None.

Old Business:

The club's Booth and other items are being stored by Russ Baker. We need to get this moved into a storage unit this week. Russ has found a reasonably price unit and will move the stuff and bring bill to Chris. Thank You Russ.

New Business:

Discussion about the day of the General Membership Meeting was brought up. Many members would like to consider changing the day to Tuesday or Wednesday, so when they are heading to the tournament they can be getting ready instead of being rushed. It was officially proposed and seconded, and approved. So we will open it up for discussion at the next Meeting.

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ODE TO WESTERN BASS CLUB

Twas the night before Christmas
and all through the West
Western Bass Clubber's were
sleeping
Knowing they were the best.

They've been "GOOD" all year
long
Even shared all their spots
And lent their backseater
That new lure that was HOT.

Their wish lists are skimpy
Because it is well known
They have two of every lure
That has ever been thrown.

They have thousands of plastics
And more rods and reels
Than should be allowed
Just ask their wife how she feels.

Their garages are bulging
With the bags of their stuff
But they always want more
There's just never enough.

Some may want a new boat
Or rod, reel, or lure
Well may your wishes come true
You've been good that's for sure.

But the best part of Western
Is the fellowship and fun
Every member is awesome
The best group under the Sun.

So let me exclaim
With a most sincere wish
May your Holiday's be Happy
And your New Year filled with
Fish.

REMINDER---DON'T FORGET--- REMINDER:

THERE WILL BE NO, GENERAL MEETING IN DECEMBER

:::MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS:::

THE CLUB BANQUET WILL BE ON JANURARY 9th at the White Center Eagle's. It is a pot-luck and don't forget the raffle prizes and crankbait tree. Reminders should be in the mail and also on the web-site.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

A thought from Author Roderick Haig-Brown:

"There will be days when the fishing is better than one's most optimistic fore-cast, others when it is far worse. Either is a gain over just staying home."

And a laugh:

"Bragging may not bring happiness, but no man having caught a large fish goes home through an alley."

Year End Report

Larry Sullivan

Ambassador Director

Hey Western!!

Well, it has been a great ride. With the New Year, a year of change...I will be stepping aside and turning over the reins of the Ambassador program to Rodney. With this change comes, well, no change for me as I will still be at as many Fish-Ins as before helping out where I can and enjoying the best club in the state.



So what might you ask is the big deal? Well...mostly it is for Rodney as he will be the point of contact for new members, old members and the director of the clubs resources as we all go into our "Club Life". That and my garage will have a few less items hanging around for their once-a-month use in the Fish-Ins.

I have enjoyed myself immensely as we have had some great times and some adventurous times...weather at times Greeted us and other times Chased us off the water. New members came...some stayed...some went...as is our lot as a community club where folks come and see what we are about and at times...find out it is not what they had thought. But with this exchange we all retain something from the contact and thusly become better people for it. This is the bounty we, at times inadvertently happen onto as we get older. I have found that the Tournaments mean less to me every year when compared to just co-mingling with the members at the campsites, fish-ins and meetings where the stories themselves are exchanged and relived through the years. With that I look forward to this new year of experiences to add to my scrapbook of life.

Here are a few shots of Fish-Ins past and I look to see you all at the next club event.



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LIVE ON WESTERN, LIVE ON.

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Introduction

Rodney Heupel

Ambassador Director

Hi to all Western Bass Club members, this is my introduction to all in preparation for my duties in the upcoming year as your Ambassador Director. First I would like to thank Larry Sullivan for doing a great job the last two years. I have been a club member for only two years, may I live up to standards that Larry has set.



My fishing history starts many years ago as a kid growing up in southwest North Dakota. I have many good memories of going bullhead fishing with my uncle and cousin, northern pike fishing in the spillway of a local dam, and yes the walleye fishing that the Dakota's are famous for. I caught my first largemouth bass when I was stationed at Fort Lewis in 1989. It was a life changing event; I was hooked on bass fishing.

There are many faces I recognize in the club, I apologize in advance for not remembering all your names. Looking forward to good year to come, feel free to contact me with lake of the month suggestions and watch the web site for future fish-in information. I will see you all at monthly club meeting and fish-ins.

As we enter the month of December I wish everyone Happy Holidays. May your New Year be safe and rewarding.

Rodney Heupel

Meeting Information



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

Club Homepage: www.westernbassclub.com



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.

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Member Signature _____ Date _____

Check Number _____

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