



# Western Bass Club

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### WBC NEWS January 2009

#### Ambassador Director

**Hey Western!!! Happy New Year!!!**

As we head off into a fresh new year, it is always good to review the past to learn and correct mistakes and prioritize the things in your life to make this next season the best it can be.

I remember an article by 4-Time Bassmasters Classic Champion Rick Clunn who discussed what an angler can do to prepare himself for the upcoming season and he discussed all the tedious things I would never think of....Clean the boat, re-wire the trolling motor, Preventive maintenance on the lower unit.....all the things I would believe were the farthest things on our minds after the long winter doldrums. But the more he mentioned these things, every one of them were the things I, in my infinite wisdom, had been blowing off all year and last year! These very things....were the things that, if left unattended would begin to fall apart and would drag my focus and attentiveness down and destroy my season! Attitude and Self Confidence he said, are what makes an angler successful.

How many times have you had a spot or pattern you had learned and were ready to exploit in a tournament and just at that time your trolling motor won't run properly or that old connector on your Lowrance that you have neglected last year has finally cut out and you cannot find that rock-pile you needed. This is the time to work on mental preparation by removing the distractions that will plague us this season. These are just some little things to think about this cold January, I look forward to seeing you all on the water.

Due to the weather situation this month the Fish-In was moved to the 17th and a report will be in the next month's newsletter!!

February Fish-In is at Lake Sammamish on Saturday February 7th!!  
We will meet at the Dennys on Gilman in Issaquah at 5:30 AM for Breakfast and at the launch at 7AM...More info and directions on the message boards and if there are any questions...E-mail me.

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**Meeting Minutes**

Dan Mowry

**Secretary**

January 15<sup>th</sup> General Meeting:

Meeting called to order at 7:18 P.M. Minutes for November 20, 2008 were read and approved.

Rod Rinta provided the entertainment for the evening. Rod discussed fishing as a back-seater on the F.L.W. pro circuit and covered a lot of do's and don'ts of being a successful fisherman. From pre-fishing, to equipment needs, to etiquette. It was very informative, and we appreciate his talk.

Adjourned for a break at 8:20 resumed at 8:37.

Chris Blandi's Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2635.75 with many membership renewals coming in tonight. Don't forget to get your renewal in, to avoid the late fee.

Next fish-in is this coming Saturday at Lake Washington...February fish-in will be the first weekend in Feb. at Lake Sammamish, details to follow...

Tournament Director: Phil Hudgens reported that Sites have been reserved for all three of our club events at Coulee Playland...BUT it is VITAL that you call and put in your name as a member of Western Bass Club. The National Qualifier is the same weekends so don't be left out! Silver Lake is April 11th which will be the same days as the Mt. St. Helen's Open.

Nick Barr announced that next month we will have Jeff Boyer as our entertainment.

Special Events is the Sportsman's Show there are still a few spots open, check the web site.

Angie received two green slips for the month: Brian 2.8lb American Lake on a Drop Shot-Tiny Brush Hog, and Jose's 3.0lb Lake Washington-Hula Grub.

Old Business:

There was much discussion on the rule for off limits on tournament waters, and also the rule allowing tournament changes only in the month of November.

A proposal was made to amend the rule for tournament changes, to allow them to be changed during any non-tournament month, not just in November. This would allow for updates and modifications to be made without disrupting the current tournament schedule. This was proposed by Mark Maderos, and will be discussed in February again and voted on in March.

The second proposal was made by Chris to amend the off limits days for tournament waters, to allow members to fish on those waters at any time. This would go into effect for the upcoming year, if the first proposal is approved, since it is still in the by-laws to limit the lake pre-fishing to a week before a tournament. Again this will be discussed further at the February meeting, and voted on in March.

These are important issues that need to be *seriously* considered, so the opinions and thoughts, and VOTES of all members would be appreciated!

Membership dues: It was voted on and passed to raise the annual dues to \$45.00. This will eliminate the need for the fund raising raffle, and keep our club liquid. That way we can spend more time talking fishing.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 P.M.



### 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 the January meeting

<i>Jose Gomez-Elegido</i>	<i>SM</i>	<i>01/03/09</i>	<i>Lake Washington</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Hula Grub</i>
<i>Brian Walker</i>	<i>SM</i>	<i>12/17/08</i>	<i>American Lake</i>	<i>2.8</i>	<i>Drop Shot</i>

Jose is \$10 richer for catching a 3lb SM on Lake Washington. Congratulations Jose!!

We also have the Big Bass Kitty coming up...That's always something to look forward to.

2008 didn't bring any Grand Slam participants; we hope to see some in 2009. IM or e-mail me if you would like to know what you have on record for the Grand Slam award.

#### Angie Dover

2008 Greeter / Green slips

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### Entertainment Director

I would like to say Thank You to everyone from the support I have been given and the pleasant surprise of being honored with Member of the Year. To continue with our Entertainment, we have Jeff Boyer from Lowrance for our February Meeting. Jeff will be talking about getting to know your electronics and how to get the most out of your unit. This is a must for any serious angler. Then, we have Marc Marcantonio on Spring Preparation for March.

Look forward to seeing you all at the meetings!

**Nick Barr**

# 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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