



Western Bass Club

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Western Bass Club

Howdy Western Bass Club,

Good News! I have the permits for our 2009 tournaments. From here it is all about patience and while you're being patient please call and make your reservations for the season.

Silver Lake - 4/18 to 4/19
Moses Lake - 5/16 to 5/17
Banks Lake - 6/20 to 6/21
Lake Roosevelt - 7/18 to 7/19
Wallula - 8/15 to 8/16
Chelan - 9/19 to 9/20
Lake Washington - 10/3 to 10/4

If you plan to attend the jamboree Banks Lake (Coulee Playland) call and let them know you will be coming.

I would like to thank everyone for their efforts at the Sportsman show this year. It sure seemed different not selling raffle tickets.

Not much else new for me at this time.

Phil Hudgens
Vice President
Tournament Director

Meeting Minutes

Dan Mowry

Secretary

*Minutes reprinted from January Newsletter

January 15th 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.

Fish-In Report

Larry Sullivan

Ambassador Director

Hey Western!!!

January Fish-in On Washington was, luckily...Dry but cold....we had 8-9 boats, some of which showed up later in the day with the first crew at East Mercer getting a few Perch and several trout....most folks fished in 60+ feet of water with several venturing into the 40s...water continues to hold or hover at around 41 degrees.

The later crew was the successful group with troy Kelly boating several Smallies two of which he has posted with a video online!!! Great show to watch!!! Mark Maderos also scored some hefty brutes with photos posted online. Thanks to all who braved the elements!!!

It looks like we had some more cabin fever as more of you came out to Lake Sammamish on Saturday the 7th.

We had 6 boats with 12 anglers out at Sammamish and although cold, it was a dry day!!!!

Mark brown scored two Smallies with one over 4 pounds.....Troy got 4 fish....Chuck Bailey got one 2-1/2 lber.....several Perch and Trout and Jeff I. on the Pro-Salmon-Craft got a two pound Silver.... (Released)!!

We then had some very warming chili dogs to take the chill off!! Great time had by all....If anyone has their pics please e-mail them to me and/or post them on the appropriate thread...Thanks much go to all who came out and look forward to next month!!

Our next stop will be an early trip to Long Lake in Port Orchard March 14.

Directions to Shari's: (Meet at 5:30 AM):

Take the I-5 SOUTH exit toward TACOMA

Take exit #132 onto WA-16 WEST toward GIG HARBOR/BREMERTON - go 22.9 mi

Take ramp toward SOUTHWORTH FY - go 0.3 mi

Turn right on SE SEDGWICK RD - go 0.1 mi

Turn right on BRAVO TER - go < 0.1 mi

Arrive at 221 BRAVO TER, PORT ORCHARD, on the left

Directions to the Launch: (Meet at 7:00 AM):

Take I-5 South to West 16 and head over the Narrows Bridge. N on SR 16, exit at Sedgwick Rd, go E 2.5 mi; R on Long Lake Rd SE; go .4 mi; R on Clover Valley Rd, go 1.1 mi. These are the directions from the Fish and game website.

Look forward to seeing you all there and some sunny weather too!!!

Larry Sullivan

Ambassador Director

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Entertainment Director

The fishing season is getting ever closer and some guys are braving the cold to go out and catch some fish, I wish I was, but time for some reason does not open up much for me in the winter. For this month, look forward to getting to know your electronics with our guest Jeff Boyer. Jeff is someone who you might refer to as the Godfather of bass fishing in the Northwest. He will be bringing his Lowrance Electronics display and be talking about how to get the maximum usage out of your electronics. Come sit in on a seminar that is surely going to make you think twice about how much you use your sonar, and how much you SHOULD use your sonar. Look forward to seeing you all there!

Nick Barr

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.

Make checks payable to: Western Bass Club

Member Signature _____ Date _____

Check Number _____

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