



Western Bass Club

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Vice President

Howdy Western Bass Club,

Our first club tournament of the year is fast approaching and I need to get this info out now.

First item is boat insurance. Every boating member is required to have insurance and provide proof to the tournament director prior to participation. Amount of insurance is relative to the boat engine horsepower. Please check the website for the exact amount required. I believe it is over 150hp \$300.000 liability, under 150hp \$100.000 required. These are standard amounts but again please check before purchasing the wrong policy.

Additionally all safety equipment required by the state, local and federal agencies is required in the boat at each event. Flairs, life jackets, tow ropes, throwable floatation devices etc. etc.

Because of the new off limits ruling, which allows fishing on the Frday, the day before our tournaments I will require livewell checks prior to fishing so please be prepared and make it go as fast as possible.

Our first event is Silver Lake or is that Sliver Lake. This is a draw tournament which is designed to introduce new and non-boating members to tournament fishing. It is open to Western Bass Club Members only. If you are a non-boater you will draw for a back seat of a boater and those new boating members will be assigned a non-boating member. We want to hold to the draw as best we can but it is not set in stone. If you bring a family member or just don't think you can get along with the one you member you drew then we can switch things up a bit with my approval.

I would like to encourage everyone to participate in this event. The more people the more learning that will take place.

There is so much information to share and so little room here so please see me at the general membership meeting and ask...

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Some new members asked about baitcasting equipment at the last meeting so I will be bringing a couple rods and reels to the next meeting and I will attempt to share my own personal methods of lure presentations (might not be near the best but better than nothing).

Dang that's enough for now
 Hope to see you at this month's meeting.

Phil Hudgens
 Vice President
 Tournament Director



Greeter/Greenslips

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 February meeting

Name	Species	Date	Lake/Stream	County	Weight	Method
Chris Blandi	SM	2/14/09	Lake Wa	King	2.13	Hula grub
Susan Daniels	SM	2/14/09	Lake Wa	King	3.13	Hula grub 1oz

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

Attendance:

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|--------|---------|--------|-------------------|
| Angie | Jack | Jon | Matt |
| Nick C | Larry | Russ | Brock |
| Chris | Rev | Nick B | Robert |
| Rodney | Thomas | Dorn | Lyle |
| Dan | Rebecca | Jose | Mr. & Mrs. Pickle |
| Henry | John | Steve | |
| Phil | Stu | Smitty | |

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Visitors:

Andy Vance
Jered Tyler

Chris Thomas
Bill Jessell

Dan Jessell

Angie Dover

2009 Greeter / Green slips

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Entertainment Director

As winter has its grasp on Washington, hopefully people are finding time to get outside. This month's entertainment is long time Northwest Bass Man, Marc Marcantonio, who will be speaking on springtime fishing. Next month is a surprise, so look out for further info. Tight Lines!!

Nick Barr

Meeting Minutes
Dan Mowry

Secretary

February 2/19/09

Meeting called to order at 7:14 P.M.

Minutes from January Meeting read and approved

Treasurer's Report shows a balance of \$3018.71, with more memberships coming in tonight.

Everyone should be reminded that the Early Bird Discount for Membership dues ends on March 1. Dues will then be \$55.00 for renewals. Dues are still \$45.00 for new members.

Membership feed-back on the Sportsman Show, showed that most members liked not having the raffle.

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Discussion on having brochures, business cards for the show continued. Some discussion was also brought up about having a seminar at the show? We discussed having a Monthly "FISHING TIP" on email through the club forums to get info on techniques and tips to new members, and casual forum readers or possibly an address book page to capture info, general talk, etc.

Greeter/Green slips: Angie introduced new members, and visitors. Also read Greenslips entered for the Month.

And since I can't read my own writing, she will hopefully have the results in her section.

Ambassador: Larry discussed Fish-in at Sammamish. Next Fish-in will be at Long Lake in Port Orchard on March 14. Details and directions will be in the newsletter and /or Forum.

Larry is also looking for help with the April Fish-in, as he will be in Kentucky, and even he can't cast that far.

Tournament Director: Phil confirmed we have all permits for club tournaments, and again discussed importance of calling Coulee Playland, with your reservations.

Silver Lake will be April 18th & 19th at Silver Lake Motel and Resort. This is a draw tournament, so you don't need to pre-arrange a backseat.

Entertainment for the evening was Jeff Boyer: He gave an excellent talk on getting the most out of your electronics. He not only gave tips and directions on what to do, but spent most of his time taking questions from members. This was very helpful to get specific problems, questions, and ideas to all the members.

We appreciate his help in many areas that don't always get attention in a bigger setting.

The club is participating in Cabela's Special Event weekend on March 7th and 8th. We will have a booth set up to promote WESTERN BASS CLUB and Bass fishing in the Northwest.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussed changing the rule on changing tournament regulations in the month of November only. It was voted and approved to change the rule, so that change and amendments can be made during any non-tournament Month.

Second item was the OFF LIMITS on tournament waters. It was discussed and proposed to change this rule to open up the Friday before to pre-fish. The vote was 12 for, and 6 nays to make this change. So in the upcoming tournament year, pre-fishing will be allowed on the Friday before the tournament.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board is looking into getting new shirts, hats, jackets. We have a few members who have already gotten the ball rolling. Samples of the embroidered work of "Custom Image Embroidery" were on display. We are also checking out several other options, and will present our thoughts in the near future.

Auburn Sports and Marine are having their Spring Fishing Fair on March 28th.

Our own Glenn and Keri May are at the BASSMASTER CLASSIC this week and are providing interviews and videos on their web site.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Fish-In Report

Larry Sullivan

Ambassador Director

Hey Western.... We had the Fish-In at Long Lake near port Orchard and Man!!!! That was a cold one!!! we finally got our due with the weather as we had ducked out of any rain for the last three months by having rain, wind and temps in the high 30s...pretty sure that made the wind chill in the high twenties!!!7 boats and 15 anglers braved the cold and no fish were boated but Big Man Jared Vance had a fish on only to have it come un-buttoned!!! Way to go Jared!!!!...Only fish on for the event!!

Thanks to all who came out!!!

Next up is a return to American Lake where the fish should be moving up and waiting for us!!



Your leader for this event will be Jose as I will be at Kentucky Lake, Kentucky and will have some stories pictures and video of the "Roadtrip Fish-in"...you can also see the festivities at www.bassresource.com and look in their forums under Kentucky lake roadtrip! Thanks again Glenn and Keri May and the folks at the sight for setting this event up for all to experience!

Jose will meet you all at the Shari's Restaurant at 5 AM at I-5 and 72nd street in Lakewood-Tacoma (Exit 129) then off to the launch at 6:30 AM.....Directions to the launch are From I-5 South

Take the Berkeley exit 4.8 miles south of hwy 512.

Turn right off the exit and go forward till the road ends

When you are forced to turn right or left GO LEFT there's a signs that says public fishing <---> but don't worry about that just go left.

After you turn left the road will curve to the right, take the next left. It looks like you are about to enter the military base down a dirt road but that's where the launch is. There is a white gate that will be open so just drive down.

Good luck to you all and I will see you at the Silver Lake Draw Tourney!

Larry Sullivan

Ambassador Director

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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.
Renewals \$55 after March 1st*

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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