



Western Bass Club

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WBC NEWS December 2010

Meeting Minutes

Dan Mowry

Secretary

General Meeting Minutes 11/17/10

Meeting called to order at 7:02 P.M. There were 12 members present.

Entertainment: Rodney, (Angler of the Year), Talked about his year of fishing and what techniques he used to haul in all the winning fish. His go to baits were the mini-me spinner bait, and the Sammy top water. Thanks for the talk Rodney, and for filling in at the last minute.

Secretary: Meeting Minutes were read and approved.

Special Events: The annual Club Awards Banquet and Potluck dinner will be held on Jan. 8, 2011. It will be at the White Center Eagles again, at 6:00 P.M. Thank You to Thomas for securing the site for this year and the upcoming years to come. All the details and directions will be posted on the web-site. Reminder that it is a Potluck Dinner, and there is a Raffle (we need more prizes) and the Crankbait Tree. Bring new crank baits to hang on tree. You get a ticket for each lure you bring, and winner takes all.

The Sportsman Show is Jan. 26-30. There is a sign- up sheet to volunteer to work at the booth on the web site .We are only allowed 6 free passes for workers each day, so sign up fast if you want or need an entry pass. Names must be supplied and I.D. is required by the show to get your pass. John will get some mounted fish to display at the booth. Don will set up a worm jar for the show. Guess how many worms are in the jar, win a free membership. John will contact Jim Owens about some Kid's rods to have a cast for candy thing for Kids. Terry will update and get Pass-outs made for the show. And Rodney had the Business Cards printed up for the club, they look great, Thanks Rodney.

Ambassador: Last Fish-in was at Lake Washington. We had five boats and nine fisherperson's. Lot's of fish were caught, both perch and Smallmouth. Mark Maderos had a 4.2lb SM, details on line. Most fish were caught in 8 to 50 feet of water, on jigs and dropshots. Next Fish-in will be on Lake Washington on Dec. 11. Details on where and when are on the web-site.

Greeter/Green slips: John had a 5.6lb. LM from Star Lake,

Entertainment: There is NO General Members Meeting in December. January's Meeting we will have our annual Skills and Knowledge Test.

V.P./Tournaments:All paperwork for next years Tournaments are in to the State. We will get the Permits in January. Terry needs info from Phil, & Mark for year end trophies.

Treasurer Report: We have \$1410.94 in bank. We may have an outstanding bill due to Dugan's for clothing. John and Mark will confirm our status. Board has approved to spend an additional \$200.00 for Raffle prizes. Discussed putting money in envelopes for kids prizes. Need to get estimate on how many kids will attend. Reminder to keep all receipts for incoming and outgoing expenditures for the upcoming year.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

"The true fisherman approaches the first day of fishing season with all the wonder and awe of a child approaching Christmas." -Robert Traver

"Show me a man who fishes in winter, and I'll show you a fanatic. Actually, I'll get the better of the deal, because for sheer spectacle a fanatic doesn't hold a candle to a man who fishes in winter."
Patrick F. McManus

And from your's truly, some Christmas Cheer.

It goes to the tune of the 12 days of Christmas.

On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me, a 20 foot Ranger (or boat make of your choice) under my Tree.

On the second day of Christmas my true love gave to me, two G, Lomis Rods , and a 20' Ranger under my tree.

On the Third day of Christmas my true love gave to me Three HuddlesonSwimbait, Two G. Lomis Rods, and a 20' Ranger under my tree.

On the fourth day of Christmas my true love gave to me Four bags of Senkos, three HuddlesonSwimbait, two G. Lomis Rods, and a 20' Ranger under my tree.

On the fifth day of Christmas my true love gave to me Five Lucky Craft Crankbaits, four bags of Senkos, three HuddlesonSwimbait, two G. LomisRods, and a 20' Ranger under my tree.

On the sixth day of Christmas my true love gave to me six Shakey head jigs, five Lucky Craft Crankbaits, four bags of Senkos, three HuddlesonSwimbait, two G. Lomis Rods, and a 20' Ranger under my tree.

On the seventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me seven Baby Brush Hogs, six Shakey head jigs, five Lucky Craft Crankbaits, four bags of Senkos, three HuddlesonSwimbait, two G. Lomis Rods, and a 20' Ranger under my tree.

On the eighth day of Christmas my true love gave to me eight Sniper Bolts, seven Baby Brush Hogs, six Shakey head jigs, five Lucky Craft Crankbaits, four bags of Senkos, three HuddlesonSwimbait, two G. Lomis Rods, and a 20' Ranger under my tree.

On the ninth day of Christmas my true love gave to me nine Hula Grubs, eight Sniper Bolts, seven Baby Brush Hogs, six Shakey head Jigs, five Lucky Craft Crankbaits, four bags of Senkos, three HuddlesonSwimbait, two G. Lomis Rods, and a 20' Ranger under my tree.

On the tenth day of Christmas my true love gave to me ten Robo Worms, nine Hula Grubs, eight Sniper Bolts, seven Baby Brush Hogs, six Shakey Head Jigs, five Lucky Craft Crankbaits, four bags of Senkos, three HuddlesonSwimbait, two G. Lomis Rods, and a 20' Ranger under my tree.

On the eleventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me eleven Football head Jigs, ten Robo

Worms, nine Hula Grubs, eight Sniper Bolts, seven Baby Brush Hogs, six Shakey head jigs, five Lucky CraftyCrankbaits, four bags of Senkos, three HuddlesonSwimbaits, two G. Lomis Rods, and a 20' Ranger under my tree.

ON THE TWELVETH DAY OF CHRISTMAS MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME TWELVE DROP SHOT WEIGHTS, ELEVEN FOOTBALL HEAD JIGS, TEN ROBO WORMS, NINE HULA GRUBS, EIGHT SNIPER BOLTS, SEVEN BABY BRUSH HOGS, SIX SHAKEY HEAD JIGS, FIVE LUCKY CRAFT CRANKBAITS, FOUR BAGS OF SENKOS, THREE HUDDLESON SWIMBAITS, TWO G. LOMIS RODS, AND A TWENTY FOOT RANGER UNDER MY TREE.

HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS,AND A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

DECEMBER FISH-IN REPORT



Fish-In Report

Rodney Heupel

Ambassador Director

Hello Western Bass Club members and guests,

We are well into the holiday shopping season with the big turkey feast behind us. Many a good football games have been played and many more to come. So much of our time may be spent browsing the Christmas sale catalogs we receive from our favorite outlets and checking the web sites for deals on that rod or lure which will catch that big one we need to win that tournament next year. We may clean and oil our reels, inspect the guides of our rods. Do an inventory of all the plastics we have, why do we have so many? Yet figure out what we need to add to our inventory and be able to justify it.

We are not yet into winter as I write this, but the cabin fever may be already starting to set in for many of us. How do we fight "Cabin Fever"? The one way to fight it is to go fishing, we have club members who enjoy fishing for the "other" species, be sure to read the great article submitted by Darryl Marshall.

We had the weather gods on our side for the last Fish-In the 13th of November, it was such a great day many of us went back out and fished till dark after enjoying a good shore lunch of chili dogs. The club had five boats on the water and nine anglers who all were able land fish, yes perch. Mark Maderos shared with us many of his winter fishing techniques over breakfast, then put on a clinic for us by catching the big bass of the day with a 4.4 lb small mouth bass.

It has been a very good year! I will wrap it up with one last Fish-In. I am excited about the New Year, looking forward to the upcoming Awards Banquet and participation in the Sportsman's Show.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

December Fish-In

Breakfast Sat, December 11, 6:30 AM at Denny's, 4750 Lake Washington Blvd NE, Renton

Fish-In 8 AM Mercer Island Boat Launch

NOVEMBER FISH-IN FISHING LOG

Location: Lake Washington **Date:** November 13, 2010 **Day of Week:** Saturday

County: King

Time Started: 0800

Time Finished: 1300

Water Temp: Start: 43.1 **End:** 44.2

Structure Types: bridges pilings, flats, humps, rock piles

Weather:

Time	Temp	Pressure	Wind	Wind Speed	Wind gust	Humidity	Rainfall Rate
08:00	44.5 °F	30.39in	South	6.0mph	8.0mph	90%	0.00in
13:00	49.2 °F	30.32in	Calm		6.0mph	77%	0.00in

Water Clarity: clear

Water Level: full winter pool

Total Number of Fish: 8 small mouth bass and numerous perch

Big Fish: Mark M. 4.4 lbs

Fish Caught: Dan & Christy 1 smallmouth bass, Mark B 3 small mouth, Mark M & John G 4 smallmouth, numerous perch caught by all.

PRODUCTIVE TECHNIQUES: drop shot prevailed with a couple on jig in depths from 18 to 50 feet

Members/Guests Present: Mark B, Mark M, John G, Darryl M, Dan & Christy, Bill Bryntson, Jose, Rodney



Terry Steffensen

Tournament Director

Happy Holidays Everyone!

First of all, let me give everyone big thanks for your attendance to our 2010 tournaments. I believe, save a few mishaps, our tournaments went smoothly and all who attended enjoyed themselves. I also wanted to thank everyone for their understanding regarding our new tournament scale. You all had to endure a full season without a raffle table at the awards ceremonies. Great news, it is all paid and the raffle will be back for next season! Speaking of next season, here are the dates for next year's tournaments...

April-Draw Tournament: Silver Lake, 4/16-4/17/2011
May-1st Points Tournament: Potholes, 5/14-5/15/2011
June-2nd Points Tournament: Riffe, 6/18-6/19/2011
July-Jack & Jill Tournament: Banks, 7/23-7/24/2011
August-3rd Points Tournament: Lower Columbia, 8/20-8/21/2011
September-4th Points Tournament: Chelan, 9/24-9/25/2011
October-Team Tournament: Washington, 10/1-10/2/2011

I think it's going to be a fun schedule with a few changes from this year. I look forward to being the Tournament Director for next year and I have a few more ideas to help make things continue to get more efficient and professional. Also, if you have any suggestions or questions, feel free to contact me through the website or email anytime. I look forward to seeing everyone either at the next meeting, the banquet or the Sportsman's Show, or all of the above!!!

Don Hankinson

Entertainment Director

Hope everyone is enjoying their holidays and having a chance to wet the lines. I apologize for the mix up with the entertainment for the last meeting, however our angler of the year and new president, Rodney, did a great job of filling in. There is no entertainment or meeting for December, but with Angie Dover's help, in January we will be bringing back the challenge of the WBC skills tests.

So begin practicing casting, pitching or flipping a 6 inch Zoom brush hog into a toothpaste lid from 100 feet. Look forward to seeing you all at the awards banquet and the Puyallup Sportsman Show.

Merry Christmas!

Chris Blandi

Special Events Director

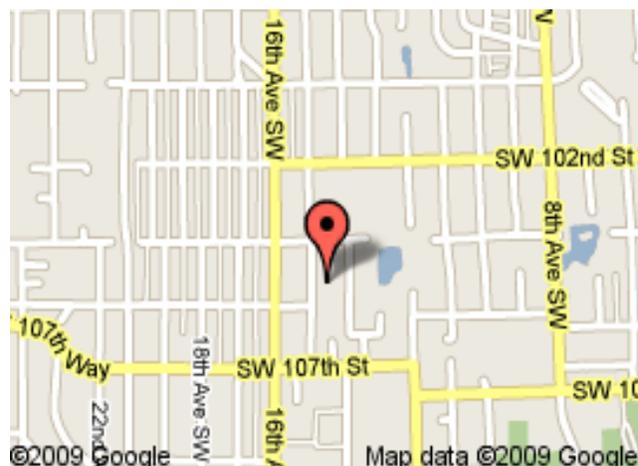
Hello WBC. The Awards Banquet is coming up and we want to see you there. We will be having a potluck dinner at the White Center Eagles, same location as last year. Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 8th, 2011 at 6pm. Bring your family and your favorite dish, \$\$ for raffle tickets and your crank bait and let's have a good time. The crank bait is for the crank bait tree. Every new in-package crank will be worth a raffle ticket for the tree. Your number gets drawn, you win all the crank baits. Feel free to bring an item to donate to the raffle, the more prizes the better your chance at winning. Awards will be presented for Angler of the Year, Big Fish, etc.

Also, I will have a volunteer sign-up sheet for the Sportsmans show at the Banquet. We need members to man the booth so we can spread the word about our great club.

The Puyallup Sportsman Show is Wed-Sun, January 26th-30th. We are allowed 6 free tickets per day. You can sign up now on the club website under WBC Internal Matters section, to secure your spot for the days of your choice.

I hope to see you at the upcoming events for Western Bass Club. Happy Holidays.

White Center Eagles
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Seattle, WA 98146
(206) 248-1400



Club Member Feature Article Darryl Marshall

Humptulips Fishing – December 3, 2010

David and I arrived at the Echoes of the Sea motel in Copalis Beach about 6:30 Thursday evening. We met our Guide, Mark Coleman of All Rivers and Saltwater Charters, and headed out for beer and steaks at a local bar and grill. Mark is an old friend, and an expert on this river. At 6:30 am, bright and cheerful, we headed for the river.

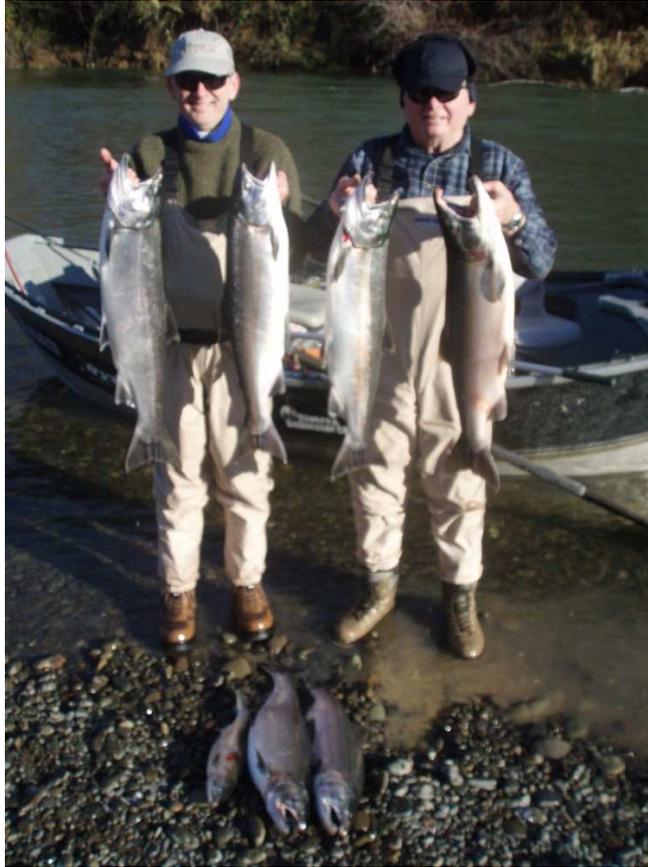
We were fishing by about 7:30 in the upper part of the drift. With the water conditions and recent weather, that is where Mark expected to find most of the fish. I had a new bait casting pole so I tied on a spinner and went to work with that. David started with eggs under a bobber. A few casts later and David had the first fish on. It was a jack, very small salmon, but did not count toward our limit, so we kept it. I continued to work the spinner. David switched to a jig, and soon had the second fish on. He landed a beautiful chrome Coho. We drifted on down, with David continuing to work the jig and me the spinner. The new rig casts beautifully, but the fish were not interested. By 9:30 David had several more hits and another great fish in the boat. He was three for three and I was zero for zero. I suggested to Mark that he leave David hooked up to the last fish he caught for a while to give me a fighting chance to catch up.

The fish were not stacked up in the upper river like they had been the previous day, so we continued toward the lower part of the drift. We hit the area below the bluffs, which had been good in the past with no hits. We passed the helicopter hole because a friend of Mark's was fishing it. We moved to the ladder hole, which has never failed to produce for us. Mark's clients had ten fish there the previous day. I worked the spinner while David worked the jig. Not a bump or a twitch. But, the weather was beautiful and sunny, and not too cold. Now Mark was getting a little worried, but did not tell us. He said, as he always does, "there is a lot of good water ahead, there will be more fish".

We moved to an area below the ladder hole with logs and slow water near the right bank. I switched to a jig. In the next half hour, I caught four large bright Coho. David then hooked another one, which was bigger and brighter, but a wild fish, his second wild one of the day. We released it.

We drifted on down to another backwater area that has always been good for us. I went back to my spinner on the bait caster, and David continued to jig. David hooked and landed another one. He hooked and was bringing in a second one from the back of the hole. I asked Mark if he was sure I should stay with the spinner. Before he could respond, I had a fish on, much to the amusement of both of them. It was big and strong, and made three long runs. Finally it went into some logs and I lost it. But, it was the best fight of the day. We moved down to another spot of slow water. Mark told me to cast next to a large log where it entered the water, and I would catch a fish. I dropped the spinner a foot from the spot, and fish on! But it came off. So I cast to the same spot again, and fish on! I fought it for a short time, and either the knot came undone or the line broke. (I had tied the knot, and probably did not do it just right). I tied on another spinner, cast to the same spot, and fish on! A short fight and it was loose too! Now David stepped in with a spinner and soon also hooked up, but also lost his.

A few more spots and we ended the trip. Final score was David 10 for 12, Darryl 4 for 8. We landed every fish we caught on a jig, and lost every fish we caught on a spinner. Although, the first one I got on the spinner stayed on for a long time before I let it get under the log. It was another great trip.



Meeting Information

Date: Third Wednesday of each month

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Kenny dale Community Center
2424 NE 27th
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 _____

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