



Western Bass Club

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President

Hello fellow members and Happy New Year.

This is a busy time of year for your board members. Organizing the booth at the Puyallip Sportsman Show, finalizing the tournament schedule, special events calander, entertainment, these are just some of the behind the scene subjects.

As President I except responsibility for any blame if things don't happen when you as members think they should so if there are any complaints or problems please bring them to me directly. The proper avenue to air any issues are at the general membership meetings or come visit a board meeting. What will not be tolerated is using the website to complain or rip any board member. The site is to be used to share information in a positive manner. Thanks for everyone's support and I hope for a great year for everyone. Now for some news concerning specific subjects.

First up is the tournament schedule. This will be posted on the site in the proper format but it looks like at least one event needs to be altered. I currently have the permits in hand and will get them to our Tournament Director, Terry Stephensen as soon as I can.

4/17/10 to 4/18/10 Silver Lake Draw Event
 5/22/10 to 5/23/10 Potholes Points Event
 6/19/10 to 6/20/10 Banks Lake Points Event
 7/17/10 to 7/18/10 Lake Roosevelt Jack and Jill
 8/21/10 to 8/22/10 Lower Columbia Points Event
 9/18/10 to 9/19/10 Banks Points Event
 10/2/10 to 10/3/10 Lake Washington Team Tournament

There are two events I have been told may need modification:

Jack and Jill. Apparently North End Bass has changed the date of their Jack & Jill on Banks to this same weekend and some members want to fish both. Don't blame them at all. Maybe a weekend change is in need.

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September points on Banks. The weekend we have selected is the annual Triathlon held at Coulee Playland. The folks at Coulee Playland have kindly informed me of this situation. It will be impossible to conduct an event there this weekend, consequently it sounds like a change of weekend needs to occur.

Lastly for me this article is the Sportsman Show. We will need members to man our booth for the event. I will have the signup sheet at the general membership meeting so please attend the meeting and sign up.

I have to say it is an honor and privilege to serve as Western Bass club President

Thanks and I hope to see you at this month's meeting.

Phil Hudgens

President



Ambassador Director

Fish-In Report

Rodney Heupel

Happy New Year!!! Hope you all had a very good Holiday Season!

I would like to thank all of you that attended the banquet, it was a great event. We have had some very good weather and the cabin fever has been setting in for many of us.

The first Fish-In of the year will be on Lake Washington, January 16, 2010. We will meet at the Denny's at I-405 and 44th St., just north of the clubs exit at 6:30 AM and then meet at the East Mercer Launch at 8:00 AM.

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As winter fishing on Lake Washington can be rewarding as well as challenging, to enhance our learning experience we will also have the February Fish-In on Lake Washington on February 6, 2010. Breakfast is at Denny's at 6:00 AM and then we meet at the East Mercer Launch at 7:30 AM.

Looking forward to a very rewarding year, see you all at the Fish-Ins where everybody has a good time.

Rodney Heupel



Special Events

Happy New Year WBC

My name is Chris Blandi and I am the Special Events Coordinator for 2010. We have had an issue the last couple years with organizing our events and I will do my best to get us back on track. Our next event is the Puyallup Sportsman Show January 27th-31st. We are working on posting a sign-up sheet on the website forum, and we will need volunteers to sign up to work the booth at the upcoming General Membership Meeting. Please help us spread the word about our great Club. If you can't sign up in person, feel free to give Phil or myself a call, we can get your name on the list. We are working 2 hour shifts, but you can always stay longer if you want. Also don't miss some of our own WBC members doing seminars at the demo tank, how cool is that folks? See you there.

Chris Blandi
Special Events

Meeting Minutes

Dan Mowry

Secretary

There was no general meeting in the Month of December.

As you all know there are some new members on the Board. Please feel free and comfortable about approaching any of us with any questions, or issues throughout the year. We are here to serve the Club to the best of our ability, and your input would be appreciated.

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season, and that you had a good time at the Club Awards Banquet.

This Thursday will be our Regular General Meeting night, be sure to attend.

So since there are no boring Meeting Minutes for the Month, Let's ponder a few New Years Resolutions for the year 2010:

- 1) If you don't keep a fishing log, start one now, it will give you tons of info for your future fishing. It is amazing how much you forget, and great when you can look back at your past trips and remember what worked, what didn't and what you wished that you tried.
- 2) Learn a new technique. Take one or two trips on the water and concentrate on one specific technique. Don't fall back on your old favorites, just practice that new stuff until you feel comfortable with it. You might not catch anything, but you will get the feel for something that might be perfect for a different time out.
- 3) Take a kid or a new member fishing. What better way to share your time than to give of yourself to someone who would appreciate it.
- 4) Volunteer for some worthy cause. Not just the Sportsman Show, or club function, but for anything that will give to others.
- 5) Say Thank You or I Love You to someone every day.
- 6) Fish often and hard, and enjoy all your time in the Great Outdoors.

These are just a few thoughts, feel free to add your own, and enjoy the New Year.

A thought from Homer Circle: "Even the best bass fisherman have days when they feel bass are finning their noses at them."

And remember, "All fishermen are liars except you and me and to tell you the truth, I'm not so sure about you."

Hope you all have a great New Year, and see you Thursday.

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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