



Western Bass Club

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President

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Howdy Western Bass Club,

I would like to thank all those members who volunteered to work the Puyallup Sportsman Show. The show was another great success and from the time I spent in the booth we should attract some valuable new members. With the restrictions on tickets for volunteers starting this year I felt we still manned the booth very well. Those who wanted to work and those who were unable to attend this year, plan ahead for next year. Your board members as a whole are reviewing the process and if anyone has any suggestions for improvement please let us know and we will attempt to implement them for next year.

I don't want to step out of line concerning tournament schedules, so I'm leaving this subject to Terry. Please stay tuned and plan to attend this month's general membership meeting.

The booth setup is safely stored at my place for the time being and I would like to consolidate all the clubs material and history in one place. I will make more room and please if you are storing club memorabilia bring it to the meeting and let's get it in one place.

Thanks and hope to see you all at the meeting.

Views and opinions expressed by individual members do not necessarily reflect those views of the Western Bass Club

Phil Hudgens
President

Tournament News

Terry Steffensen

Vice-President

Hello everyone!

I hope everyone is weathering well and getting psyched up for tournament season. I know I am. Here are the dates for our tournaments for 2010...

1. April 17th/18th, Silver Lake(Draw)
2. May 22nd/23rd, Potholes(1st Points)
3. June 19th/20th, Banks Lake(2nd Points)
4. July 17th/18th, Lake Roosevelt(Jack & Jill)
5. August 21st/22nd, Lower Columbia(3rd Points)
6. September 25th/26th, Banks Lake(4th Points)
7. October 2nd/3rd, Lake Washington(Team)

We had a couple of dilemmas we had to work out, but I wanted to resolve them as fast as possible so people could get their vacation time requested and so forth. The only date changed was Banks for our 4th points tournament in September.

Everything else is progressing nicely. Phil got the ball rolling for me this year by setting up Silver Lake Resort for April, Coulee Playland for May, July and September. For May on Potholes we will be staying at the State Park. I am still working on the Lower Columbia accommodations, stay tuned. Please help out by getting your Coulee Playland reservations confirmed because they aren't going to hold them past March 31st.

I am really looking forward to fishing our tournaments this season. As we get closer I will have more information on boat and angler requirements along with suggestions for new boaters and non-boaters alike.

See everyone soon.

Terry Steffensen

VP/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 Green slips

Greenslips from the January meeting

Name	Species	Date	Lake/Stream	County	Weight	Method
Mark Brown	SM	1/16/10	Washington	King	3.03	Hula grub
Brian Walker	SM	1/16/10	Washington	King	3.00	Tube

I will bring shirts (\$10) and hats (\$13) to each general membership meeting for purchase. I will also be taking orders for sweatshirts (\$20) and Jackets (\$50). For those of you who have already requested jackets or sweatshirts, I placed an order with our vendor last week. I am hoping to have these for you at our February meeting.

If you have any questions on how Green Slips or the Big Bass Kitty works, please let me know and I will go over both of them with you at the next meeting.

Mark Brown

2010 Greeter / Greenslips

Marksbrown@live.com

Meeting Minutes

Dan Mowry

Secretary**Meeting Minutes 1/21/10**

Meeting called to order at 7:02 P.M.

President Phil introduced all board members, both old and new.

Ambassador Report: January Fish-in was held at Lake Washington. There were 5 boats, and 11 fisherpersons. Lots of fish were caught; details should be in the Ambassador Report. February Fish-in will be on February 6th, on Lake Washington. There should be some new members from the Sportsman show coming, so if your free and have a boat be sure to help Rodney out and be there!
March 6th will be on Lake Sammamish.

VP/Tournament Director Report: Terry has all permits in hand for the 2010 season.

First tournament is at Silver Lake on April 17th & 18th. This is a draw tournament; non-boaters will be paired up with a random boater each day. So you don't need to pre-arrange a backseat.

May 22, 23 at Potholes

August 21, 22 at Lower Columbia

June 19, 20 at Banks

September 18, 19 at Banks

July 17, 18 at Roosevelt Jack & Jill

October 2, 3 Lake Washington Team Tournament

There is a potential problem at Banks on Sept. 18, 19. There is a triathlon at Coulee Playland that weekend. The Board has decided to move the tournament to the following weekend at Banks. So it will be on the 25th, 26th. Terry has researched this and it seems to be the best solution.

Secretary Report: Meeting minutes read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$1514.42 in the bank and have some new memberships to add in.

Ambassador Report: Mark has T-shirts and Hats available at every meeting. He has the weights to certify your scales; this must be done yearly to qualify you for Greenslips and Big fish kitty. The only Greenslip turned in was by Mark Brown 3lb. 3 oz lake unknown, species unknown. Larry presented the Ambassador of the year to Jeff Iacchei. Congratulations and Thank You.

Special Events: Chris has sign-up sheets for the Sportsman Show. We are in space 905 again, Show runs from Jan 27th-31st. Tickets for workers are limited this year and will be available at the will-call booth.

If you work the booth just present club info, generate interest, and get memberships. Thanks to all who have stepped up. Russ gave update on his new Phoenix dealership. It's Limit Out Performance Marine. Open House is February 27th from 9A.M. to 3 P.M.

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Entertainment: Mark Maderos filled in as Entertainment for the Month. Gave tips on Flipping, Pitching, Dropshotting, and many other useful tidbits. Thanks Mark for keeping us informed and educated. Mark will be giving seminars at the Sportsman Show on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Be sure to support him.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 P.M.

A Quote from W.D. Wetherell:

“No fish neither largemouth, nor rainbow, nor striper, nor salmon, punches as hard as a full bodied Smallmouth.”

And from Bill Dance:

“The most amazin' thing to me is that you could take somethin' made out of wood, plastic, hair, or rubber and create life and entice another living creature like a bass to think that it's real food and come up and eat.



Special Events

Hello Western.

First off I would like to thank all the members that donated their time to work the Western Bass Club booth at this year's Sportsman Show. I have heard no negative feedback, and it sounds like we all did a great job. I think we even had a few new folks check us out at the Fish-In so the word is spreading. WBC would also like to thank Russ Baker for storing the clubs booth this past year. We all appreciate it Russ. Another gracious act, Phil Hudgens has now taken over the storage of our club booth and also the past items and memorabilia of the club. Thanks Phil.

Our next event will be Fishing Kids in June put on by Jim Owens and his organization. This event has brought huge smiles to the faces of thousands of children. As some of you may know, Fishing Kids has run into some funding issues so the details of the event are not set in stone yet. There is a forum post in the General Topics board that may explain more entitled: A sad day indeed. When I get more information on the event, I will pass it along to the members of WBC.

Now that you are up to date, get out there and enjoy this warmer than normal weather and catch a big ol' Pig.

Chris Blandi

Special Events



Ambassador Director

Fish-In Report

Rodney Heupel

Hello, Western Bass Club members and guests.

It has been a busy time since the last month's news letter. Starting this month you will see a double hook set with two monthly Fish-In Reports, due to the fact the January Fish-In occurred after the news letter dead line. For years I have heard many times the importance of keeping a log, I even have had the blank logs waiting to be filled in. Now is the time to start a Fishing Log as you will see with the reports. The News Letter log is modified just a bit from the actual fishing logs. I will have a blank fishing log available at every monthly meeting and Fish-Ins for everyone.

JANUARY FISH-IN FISHING LOG

Location: Lake Washington **Date:** 1/16/2010 **Day of Week:** Saturday

County: King **Time Started:** 0800 **Time Finished:** 1400

Water Temp: Start: 43.5 **End:** 45.7

Structure Types: Rocks, Hump, Ridge Line, Points

Weather: Cloudy to mostly cloudy

Time	Temp	Pressure	Wind	Wind Speed	Wind gust	Humidity	Rainfall Rate
07:59	35.6 °F	29.88in	NE	1.0mph	1.0mph	96%	0.00in
01:59	40.7 °F	29.91in	NE	1.0mph	2.0mph	95%	0.00in

Water Clarity: Clear

Water Level: Low compared to summer

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Total Number of Fish: 8 smallmouth, 1 trout, 1 perch, 1 pike minnow

Big Fish: Mark Brown with a 3.3 lb smallmouth

Fish Caught: Mark Brown; 4 small mouth, Mark Maderos; 1 smallmouth, 1 rainbow trout, 1 pike minnow, Brian Walker; 2 smallmouth, Jon Magee (Trucknmusic); 1 smallmouth, his first ever rev rig winter smallmouth, Jose Gomez Elegido; 1 perch

PRODUCTIVE TECHNIQUES: The fish were in 40 to 50 feet, most were caught on football jig, drop shot, and rev rig.

Members/Guests Present: Jose Gomez Elegido, Robert Fitzgerald, Brian Walker, Rodney Heupel, Jeff Iacchei, Mark Maderos, Mark Brown, Jon Magee (“Trucknmusic”), Landy Green (“Hooter”) w/guest Dave Chandler.

Special Guest: Lauren Kuehe, who is a UW grad student studying differences in salmon behavior to a predator that they have evolved with for a long time (pike minnow) versus one that is relatively new (small mouth bass). She needs about 4 small mouth bass and 4 squawfish. She will be able to gather up the fish and use them in a study she and her professor's are doing about salmon predation. The small mouth bass will be released back into Lake Washington.

“I could have used pike minnow and maybe channel catfish or walleye, but the fact is that there isn't a whole lot of data on any of those compared to small mouth bass. Plus, the fact that small mouth bass and pike minnow have pretty similar diets and sizes and hang out in the same general areas helps my research question a lot. I'm not really that interested in salmon per se, but how species evolve together and how that relates to the impact of non-native species all over the world. The lab that I'm part of focuses on climate change, dams, and non-native species and we have projects in Arizona, Colorado, Australia, and here. Please feel free to email me at lkuehne@u.washington.edu if you are interested in what I'm doing.”

FEBRUARY FISH-IN FISHING LOG

Location: Lake Washington **Date:** 2/6/10 **Day of Week:** Saturday

County: King **Time Started:** 0800 **Time Finished:** 1400

Water Temp: Start: 46.1 **End:** 47

Structure Types: Rocks, Hump, Ridge Line

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Weather:

Time	Temp	Pressure	Wind	Wind Speed	Wind Gust	Humidity	Rainfall Rate
0800	39.9	29.83 in	calm	calm	-	86%	0 Clear
1353	57.0	29.87	calm	calm	-	49%	0 mostly cloudy

Water Clarity: Clear**Water Level:** Low compared to summer, stable compared to last month**Total Number of Fish:** 13 smallmouth, 2 trout, 1 perch**Big Fish:** Lauren Kuehe with a 4 pound smallmouth

Fish Caught: Lauren Kuehe; 4 smallmouth, Brian Walker; 4 smallmouth, 1 trout, Darryl Marshal; 2 smallmouth (New member, 1st winter smallmouth and 1st ever Lake Washington bass), Chuck Bailey; 1 smallmouth, Mark Brown; 1 smallmouth, Rodney Heupel; 1 smallmouth (1st winter smallmouth), 1 trout, Larry Sullivan; 1 perch

PRODUCTIVE TECHNIQUES: Rev Rig produced 5 total fish. The fish were in 50 to 55 feet, most were caught on football jig, tube, drop shot, and rev rig.

Members/Guests Present: Darryl Marshal, Parks Gribble, Don Hankinson, Karl Krein, Jose Gomez Elegido, Larry Sullivan, John Greer, Bill Jessel, Jon Magee, Chuck Bailey, Mark Brown, Brian Walker, Rodney Heupel

Special Guest: Lauren Kuehe

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The Washington Sportsman's Show was a great success. Western Bass Club members Mark Maderos and Nick Barr were featured Seminar Speakers, what great job they did! It is great to belong to a club with members willing to teach.



The next Fish-In will be on Lake Sammamish March 6th. Breakfast will be at 6:00 AM at Denny's in Issaquah and meet at the State Park launch at 7:30 AM. With all the great weather this El-Nino year lets be ready to set hooks on the largemouth and smallmouth bass.

Directions:

To Denny's -720 GILMAN BLVD., ISSAQUAH, WA 98027 (425) 392-6025:

From I-405 take I-90 east to Spokane. Take exit #15 (900 west) to Lake Sammamish park. End of exit take a right. At next signal (Gilman) turn left Denny's is on the left between 1st and 2nd signals.

May the local weather persons continue to work in our favor for the next Fish-In, let's make it three great months in a row, see ya all on the water!!!

Rodney Heupel
Ambassador Director

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

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