



Western Bass Club

Since 1938

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President

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Howdy Folks and welcome to Western Bass Club to all new and existing members.

It is a pleasure and honor for me to be a member of WBC. The Club has provided lots of good times for my family and me. I have met many great people and made several good friends over the years. When I started bass fishing in the Northwest I used to fish alone and felt like an outsider. The great members (past and present) of WBC have forever changed this attitude. I am constantly in awe of being a part of WBC. Just the history alone, being the longest continuously operating bass fishing club, is amazing to me. All this and I find myself as the president. WOW! All this said about my involvement with the club, where am I going with this rambling?

I made a mistake with a decision I made and I will discuss this issue at the next general membership meeting. Please attend and be part of the process.

I am excited about this upcoming season because my son Bryan and I are participating in the Northwest Bass tournament circuit. Thankfully we don't have many conflicts with the club schedule except pre-fishing opportunities. I don't have much experience on the Tri-cities area of the Columbia River system. Bryan and I are going to make the best of it and the main thing is to have fun.

I hope to see you at this month's meeting or on the water. Be safe out there.

Phil Hudgens
President

Tournament News

Terry Steffensen

Vice-President

Hey all...All is I can say is WOW! I can't believe tournament season is already here. I am so pumped up for this year I can't describe it in words. Here is the Tournament Schedule for this year.

April 17/18, Silver Lake

May 22/23, Potholes

June 19/20, Banks

July 24/25, Roosevelt

August 21/22, Lower Columbia

Sept 25/26, Banks

October 2/3, Washington

First things first, let's get over to Silver and have a great time. We are staying at the Silver Lake Resort, (360) 274-6141. Please call if you haven't already and reserve a spot. This is our annual Draw Tournament. For those of you that have not fished with Western Bass Club before the format is as follows:

1. Every boater gets a number.
2. Every non-boater gets a number.
3. Everyone draws a number.
4. All matching pairs get together and fish for the day.
5. Nobody is left standing on the dock!

Sound simple? It is. The great part is you meet great people doing what we all love. After Saturday's weigh-in we will have a potluck so bring your favorite dish. At this point the Driver's Meeting will be 5:45am on Saturday, shooting for a 6:30 blast-off. I will be at the Resort around 5 pm Friday with all the sign up forms and new member forms if needed. You can also sign up Saturday morning. I will be available at around 5:15am. I want to try and get everyone signed up before the driver's meeting. You can also get your boat launched and tied up to the docks early. Let's have a great time and kick the year off right!

See you down there.

Terry Steffensen

VP/Tournament Director

Meeting Minutes

Dan Mowry

Secretary**Meeting Minutes 3/18/10**

Meeting called to order at 7:10 P.M.

Meeting Minutes read and approved

Greeter/Greenslip Report: We have three visitor's Rich, Don, and Tommy. WELCOME.

There were three Greenslips turned in:

- 6.5 lb LM John Spring Lake Black and Blue Jig.
- 3.6lb S.M Rodney American Lake Crankbait
- 9.2lb L.M. Russ Silver Lake Black and Blue Jig

There is talk of closing Silver Lake due to the Algae Bloom. Phil will call and see if there is anything to be concerned about. Sweatshirts are in \$22.00 and Jackets are in \$50.00. See Mark if you ordered or wish to.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$1336.00 in bank, and we will be ordering the Scale for tournaments.

V.P./Tournament Director Report: April is Silver Lake at Silver Lake Resort. Launch time and Details will be in the Newsletter. This is a DRAW tournament, so no need to arrange a backseat. But you might want to make sure you have reserved a spot at campground.

- May is at Potholes, and will be out of Warden's resort.
- June is at Coulee Playland; make sure you call for your spot.
- July is at Coulee Playland; make sure you call for your spot.
- August is at Lower Columbia. Details will be forthcoming.
- Sept. at Banks.

Terry has ordered the new Scales for tournament weigh-ins. Larry made a motion to use the tournament raffle money (\$75.00) to put toward the scale purchase, and suspend the raffle until scale is paid for. This was discussed, seconded, and voted and approved.

Ambassador Report: Last fish-in was at Lake Sammamish, We had great weather, 10 boats, and 21 fishers. Darrel caught fish and a few more caught some in the afternoon session. Detail's in the ambassador report.

Next Fish-in is April 3rd. at American Lake. Detail's on breakfast, and launch time is in the NEWSLETTER.

Rodney has Fishing Logs available. All members should obtain a boater's Certification. They will be required in the future. Russ is looking into holding a training session at his new boat shop "Limit Out Marine".

Special Events: Fish n' kids will be on June5th. Chris will get more info. It is at Gene Coulon Park, fishing on Saturday, setting up and rigging rod's Friday night.

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Entertainment: Tonight's entertainment is the annual Club Swap Meet. Make sure you don't buy more than you can sneak in past mama. April will be Jim Owens talking about his trips for Peacock Bass and Mexico largemouth trips.

New Business: There is talk of a Bass Resource Road Trip, the 2nd week of May at Potholes. Larry will keep us informed. Discussed if the club is staying afloat financially, without the raffle? We eliminated the mailing of the newsletter to save money and raised membership fees to cover removing the raffle. We discussed raising the tournament fee to \$25.00 so the raffle could be kept. Motion was made to have \$18 for tournament, \$2 big fish kitty, and \$5 for raffle prizes. Will discuss further and vote at next meeting. Moose Streter is working with the "Fishing Hall Of Fame" to recognize Western Bass Club as the oldest Bass Club on Earth.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M. Raffle Time.

A quote from Chuck Clark:

"Three-fourths of the Earth's surface is water, and one-fourth is land. It is quite clear that the good Lord intended us to spend triple the amount of time fishing as taking care of the lawn."

And from President Herbert Hoover:

"Fishing is more than fish; it is the vitalizing lure to outdoor life."



Special Events

Hello WBC.

Our next special event will be the Fishing Kids event held by Jim Owens and his Cast 4 Kids Foundation. For those not familiar with this event, it is where they net pen a bunch of trout and Kids get to catch for them. It's a blast landing slimers all day believe it or not. This great event will be on Saturday June 5th. I will post the days schedule when I receive it from Jim. Friday the 4th we will need volunteers to help rig fishing rods down at Coulon. Rigging rods starts at 5pm, and ends when all the rods are finished. WBC has a good turnout of volunteers every year and I hope to see the same faces and then some this year. Thanks WBC for the support, the kids really appreciate it.

Jim should be at the next club meeting as a Guest Speaker so don't miss that also!

Chris Blandi

Special Events



Ambassador Director

Fish-In Report

Rodney Heupel

Hello, Western Bass Club members and guests.

Spring fever has hit us all; March has ended like a lion. April has started with a roar of a series of late season storms. The monthly Fish-In started with a good pot of **BOLD** coffee and Bill's report of an outstanding fishing trip to Mexico's El Salto. To hear of the many big bass to include his personal best of a 12 pound largemouth we were motivated to get on the water. It was a cold day for early April; we experienced a fast moving snow shower shortly after we started our fishing day and several light rain showers throughout the day. The weather gods were kind enough to allow us a good time on the water over all. Here is the full report.....

APRIL FISH-IN FISHING LOG

Location: American Lake **Date:** 4/3/2010 **Day of Week:** Saturday

County: Pierce **Time Started:** 0730 **Time Finished:** 1400

Water Temp: **Start:** 46.2 **End:** 49.3

Structure Types: Rocks, Hump, Ridge Line, Points

Weather: Cloudy to mostly cloudy

Time	Temp	Pressure	Wind	Wind speed	Wind gust	Humidity	Rainfall Rate
07:29	37.2 °F	29.88in	WSW	2.2mph	4.0mph	82%	0.00in
10:47	45.3 °F	29.91in	SSE	11.0mph	11.0mph	71%	0.00in
13:56	46.0 °F	29.87in	SSW	5.8mph	5.8mph	55%	0.00in

Water Clarity: Clear

Water Level: Highest I have seen the lake.

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Total Number of Fish: 6 smallmouth bass and numerous trout.

Big Fish: Rodney H. with a 4.7 lb smallmouth.

Fish Caught: Troy 2 small mouth, Robert 1 smallmouth, Andy 1 small mouth, Rodney 2 small mouth. Nearly everybody was catching the stocker trout, Bill was happy to catch his first fish-in fish.

Productive Techniques: Jigs with plastics and crankbaits, bass were caught from 15 feet out to 30 foot depths. Drop shot and jerk baits were producing trout.

Members/Guests Present: Troy Kelly, Jose Gomez Elegido, Larry Sullivan, Bill Jessel, Robert Fitzgerald, Jeff Iacchei, Andy & sons, Rodney Heupel.



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The May Fish-In will be at Lawrence Lake, Saturday May 1st, 2010. The big large mouth will be ready to test your heavy gear! We will meet for a 4:30 AM breakfast at Denny's and 6:00 AM at the launch.

Directions:

OPTION 1:

- ◆ I-5 toward TACOMA/PORTLAND. 33.7 miles (From Seattle)
- ◆ Take the WA-512 E exit- exit number 127- toward SOUTH TACOMA WAY/PUYALLUP. 0.1 miles
- ◆ Merge onto WA-512 E toward SOUTH TACOMA WAY. 2.2 miles
- ◆ Take the WA-7/PACIFIC AVE. exit toward PARKLAND/SPANAWAY. 0.3 miles
- ◆ Turn RIGHT onto PACIFIC AVE S/WA-7 S. 4.4 miles
- ◆ End at 18001 Pacific Ave S=2 0Spanaway WA

OPTION 2:

Come South on Hwy 167, merge onto Hwy 512, follow to take the WA-7/PACIFIC AVE. exit toward PARKLAND/SPANAWAY. This exit has a tight right curve. At the stop sign at the end of the exit, turn left and take another left onto PACIFIC AVE S/WA-7. End at 18001 Pacific Ave S Spanaway WA

Directions to Launch:

- ◆ South on HWY 7 from the Denny's
- ◆ Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto WA-507 / SPANAWAY MCKENNA HWY. Continue to follow WA-507. 13.1 miles to Yelm
- ◆ From Yelm, take Hwy. 507 S on Bald Hills Rd. SE approx. 1.4 mi
- ◆ W on Vail Loop Rd. 5.5 mi;
- ◆ E .5 mi on Lindsey Rd. SE
- ◆ S 1 mi on Pleasant Beach Rd. SE.

Looking forward to another great month of fishing, remember to post your fishing reports and pictures on the Western Bass Club web site.

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

Member Signature _____ Date _____

Check Number _____

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