



# Western Bass Club

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## WBC News October 2011

### President's Report



Rodney Heupel, President

Hello members and guests,

I have been rather busy with both my personal and professional life. Being just a little distracted from normal club business I suddenly realized I hadn't written my September newsletter article. It requires a commitment to serve as a board member. That was the first month in nearly two years as a board member I let myself and club members down by not getting my article done in time to meet the publisher's deadline. So with just a bit of editing I am well underway to completing this month's article you're reading.

In this game of life priorities usually go to family, God, career before luxuries. Having had to focus my time on the higher priorities in my life I have squared those away and now am now back on track to conduct the club business as required. During this year there have been times where other board members have had to take care of their life priorities also. We have worked as a team. I use the word team to include all club members. There is always someone who steps up to the need and we all get the job done. I extend a thank you to those who have stepped up.

Time has gone by real fast so far this year and it's time to get on with the business of nominating and electing board members. There are a few openings up and coming with a couple of us who are seeking re-election. Are you the person ready to commit just a little extra time to the club and serve as a board member?

With the completion now of our tournament year we are now able to move into the future. This includes the passage of an amendment to create juniors' divisions in our club tournaments. Long overdue, there are sons and daughters of members who are already excited about being able to fish in the future for their own trophy and prizes. This will continue our drive to be a family orientated teaching and learning club.

Rodney Heupel,  
President

## Meeting Minutes

Dan Mowry, Secretary

General Meeting Minutes September 21st 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:25 P.M, due to the lack of keys to enter building. We had 19 members and 4 guest present. Guest were Alex and Carl. Welcome to our club meeting.

**Entertainment:** Mark Maderos talked about what to use on Lake Washington during this time of year, and during other times as well. He suggested using a high drop shot during the fall and winter, and fishing docks and weed lines during the summer. Thank You Mark you gave a great talk, as usual.

**V.P./Tournament Director Report:** This weekend will be at Lake Chelan. The Club will be staying at the Kamei Campground. Driver's meeting will be at 6:00 A.M. from the Mill Bay Launch. Terry will get the website updated with the details. Next weekend will be the Team Tournament on Lake Washington. Details will be on the website. Terry will pick up the remaining trophies and name tags for missing past winners.

**Treasurers Report:** We have \$1126.69 in the bank.

**Ambassador Report:** The Long Lake Fish-in had 6 boats and 8 fishers, including 1 guest. Dan C. had a 3.15 lb. fish, Rodney had a 5.5lb fish and Chris Jones had a 6.9lb. fish. Next month's fish-in will be Oct. 8th., at Black Lake in Olympia.

**Greeter/Green Slips Report:** We had 9 green slips turned in. Bob -3.9lb SM- Lake Washington on a Drop shot , John-4lb SM- Lake Meridian on a drop shot, Bonney-5.3lb LM-Lake Washington on a drop shot, Rodney- 5.5lb LM-Long Lake on a spinner bait, Dan C.-6.2lb LM-Lake Dollaf on a frog, Robert-6.1lb LM-Ohap Lake on ?, Chris-6.15lb LM-Jig/beaver.

**Special Events:** The cast for Kids went well. We had 9 Boaters and 5 people helping on shore. A good time was had by all, and all caught fish. Thanks to all who helped. The next event will be our annual awards banquet on January 14th. Terry has secured the banquet location for us at no charge. Further information and details will be forthcoming in the newsletter and the website.

**Entertainment:** Next month will possibly be a rep. from Diawa.

**Old Business:** Next month we will be voting on adding the "Junior Division" to the club. We have also received the "Rainier Trophy" from an old-timer Member. It was awarded to the member who caught the big fish each year.

**New Business:** We will also be electing new board members for next year, at the October meeting. Anyone wishing to run for office, or having a nomination for a position, please let us know. And be at the meeting so we can get the best help possible. Current nominees are: President-Rodney, V.P.-Terry, Sec.-Dan?, Treasurer-John, Ambassador-Dan C., Greeter/Green slip-Larry,

Entertainment-Angie, Special Events-???.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 P.M.

This Month's thought from James Henshall, author of "Book of the Black Bass"

"I yield to no one in love and admiration for the brook trout. I was perfectly familiar with it before I ever saw a black bass; but I am not so blind by prejudice that I can share that love with the black bass, which for several reasons is destined to become the favorite game-fish of America."

And if you talk to "ANY" Western Bass Club member, you will hear this little poem from children's poet Eugene Field.

I never lost a little fish—yes,  
I am free to say  
It always was the biggest fish I caught  
That got away."



*"Catch a Special Thrill"*

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Dear Rodney,

On behalf of the C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation, I would like to thank you for your club's generous support of our Lake Washington C.A.S.T. for Kids event. This effort helped provide disabled and disadvantaged children the opportunity to enjoy the sport of fishing and boating.

**Executive Board**

President  
Jay Yelas

Vice President  
Troy Moncrief

Secretary / Treasurer  
Patrick McBride

Scott Laney

We hosted approximately 39 children participants, 25 boats, and over 60 volunteers! With all these efforts combined, another C.A.S.T. event offered disabled and disadvantaged children the opportunity to enjoy an unforgettable and remarkable fishing experience. Please feel free to view the pictures of the event at [www.castforkids.org](http://www.castforkids.org) on our Events page.

Thanks again! You are all definitely "Special People Helping Special Kids Catch a Special Thrill." We look forward to working with your company in the future!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Owens', written over a white background.

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## Fish-In Report

Dan Caffrey, Ambassador Director



### September Fish In Report

Long Lake, Lacey September 17th, 2011

It was a fun day out there on Long Lake in Lacey. It was cloudy and breezy all day. The morning started out with rain showers, which is when I caught all 5 of my bass. Everyone else seemed to do better when the rain stopped around 11:00 a.m. for some reason. There were six boats, seven members, and one guest present. In boat one there was Rodney who caught 14 bass, his big one was 5 and a half pounds. Then there was Robert who left early. He caught a few, don't know how big. Then there was Larry and his sweet new truck. His big one weighed in at a pound and a quarter. Hooter and his guest Dave didn't do all that great for the LM but caught some big ol' rock bass in some high numbers to keep em busy. Then there was me. I caught 5 keepers the big one went 3lbs 15oz., the rest were around a pound. Finally there was Chris B. and Susan. Chris had to leave within the first ten minutes of being on the water, because he set the hook on his jig, and it flew out of the water and hit Susan in her eyebrow. They went to urgent care but there was no need for stitches, just a little medical glue. When they returned, Chris caught 4 fish weighing over 20 lbs. His biggest two were 6lbs 9oz and 6lbs 15oz . The amazing part, is that he only fished for 3 hours. Nice work Chris!

So despite morning rain showers and a flesh wound, it was a pretty good day on the water. We all had fun and caught some fish. Thank you all who attended

Dan Caffrey



## Entertainment



Angie Dover, Entertainment Director

September's entertainment was Mark Maderos. Mark talked about fall fishing patterns including tip on Lake Washington. Some tips I'm willing to share are...

Don't be afraid to drop shot with a 4-5' leader.

This is the time fish start to switch from eating crawfish to bait fish.

Study the area your fishing; if you know a spawning area think about where the fish are going to go after they have spawned.

Something about the 520 pilings; that sure was a good tip, should have been there!

Learn the predator / pray mentality that bass have.

Next month's entertainment will be Daryl Snodgrass and Mike Sthelman talking about the Triton Owners Tournament on Clearlake CA.

As always, if there is something you would like to see please feel free to let me know and I'll do my best!

Angie Dover  
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Q. When was the first bass fishing reel invented?

A. Between 1768 and 1770. The first multiplying reel was invented during this time. This is the great great granddaddy of your modern bait casting reel. The proud inventor was one Onesimus Ustonson. Three cheers for Onesimus!

### 2011 Best Fishing Days

- January 4–19
- February 2–18
- March 4–19
- April 3–17
- May 3–17
- June 1–15
- July 1–15
- August 28–September 12
- September 27–October 11
- October 26–November 10
- November 25–December 10
- December 24–31

## Fishing by Moon Phase

By: David Rose

Every fisherman dreams of a bigger catch! Is it possible to know beforehand when you should plan a trip to enjoy some fishing, catch more than usual, and come home feeling 100% satisfied? Based on my own personal research around the best fishing times, I think it is.

When I first started fishing, the best fishing time for me was whatever time happened to suit me. I tried different lures, baits and techniques until I'd spent a small fortune in my quest to improve my fishing catch. When I finally heard about the "Solunar Theory"--or fishing by moon phase--like most anglers, I was skeptical.

What I'd read sounded too complicated. All sorts of factors needed to be checked and the determined angler needed to be at the water's edge at exactly the right time, TO THE MINUTE, in order to improve on his average catch. Was I really willing to take my hobby that seriously? Let's just say that curiosity got the better of me.

To help me determine whether there was any truth in the moon's effect on the best fishing times, I kept a record of every trip I made over a period of 18 months. All information related to the moon's phases, the weather conditions and the catches I made were carefully logged. What I discovered convinced me that moon phase fishing works. BUT, I also found that it isn't anywhere near as complicated as many would have us believe.

### How Does Fishing By Moon Phase Work?

Every fisherman knows that the best fishing times are when the fish are feeding. This tends to be during dawn and dusk, but what often goes unnoticed are the two periods elsewhere in the day--moonrise and moonset. Because the moon has an effect on a variety of factors surrounding the fish--including the live fodder they hunt--these periods, combined with the moon's phase, are what trigger feeding.

By understanding this, and choosing times when sunrise/sunset and moonrise/moonset coincide with new or full moon phases, you'll increase your chance of a good fishing catch. Assuming there are fish in the area, of course.

### Choosing The Best Fishing Times

There really is nothing complicated about this at all; it's just a matter of knowing ahead of time exactly when the sun and moon will rise and set. Fish are most active during 90-minute windows surrounding each of these four daily events; that's 45 minutes before and after these four daily points.

Fishing during these four periods will help increase your fishing catch, but if you plan wisely so as to ensure you're at the water's edge on the days of new or full moon, you can use these 'windows' to reel in a catch like you've never done before. If you have to choose between sunrise/set and moonrise/set, always go with the moon as the moon is the stronger influence.

Hunters have always known that fish and game are most active at dawn and dusk--sunrise and sunset--but their activity surrounding moonrise and moonset is less noticeable because these events are likely to occur without effecting any change in the perceived light. The rise and set of a new moon is invisible anyway, and overcast weather often hides the moon. Without prior knowledge of setting and rising times, two of the best fishing times will be missed every day!

### Other Considerations

When planning your fishing by moon phase, there are certain other factors that should also be considered.

Weather - Severe weather changes have an impact on the way fish feed. When a storm's

brewing, or just after one has passed, is a good time. If this happens while you're in place, you'll be in for a treat! However, if there's a cold front approaching, the fish are likely to move deeper into the water and become inactive.

Season - Most fish are more likely to bite willingly during seasonal transitions with the transition from winter to spring and summer to fall being the two best fishing times.

Now that you know that moon phase fishing really works, there's no reason why you shouldn't utilize this knowledge to increase your own fishing catch by being at the ready with your rod during the best fishing times available. It's easy and it works!  
Good luck!

#### *About the Author*

*David Rose is an avid outdoorsman and the creator of QuickPhase Pro, a popular moon phase software program. Visit <http://www.moonconnection.com/quickphase/> to discover the fun and easy way to view the phases of the moon and increase your fishing catch. Note: This article may be reprinted on your website or in your ezine as long as this resource box is included. Links must stay active if this article is published in HTML format.*

## Late Night Of Fishing by Builder

So, my cousin and I were fishing for catfish one night at one of my dad's ponds in Kentucky. The night started off a little bit weird, we started fishing at about 9 pm. The place we were fishing was only accessible by animals from the sides of us, there was a creek behind us, and everything was basically the woods.

We were talking about all kinds of things throughout the night, and then we started getting into discussing life and death. We were hearing weird noises that were out of the ordinary awkward noises you hear in the woods, they were like woman voices. We weren't getting any bites so we decided that we would leave at 11pm if we didn't catch anything. As 11 came closer we weren't close to leaving, but still not a touch of the bait.

At 11 all of a sudden I heard the loudest growl that shook me, I felt something on the right of me and jumped as high and as quick as I ever had before. I turned to my cousin, who was sitting on my left and saw a terrified look on his face. Not wanting to jump to conclusions I asked him what was wrong, he said "did you hear that?" I asked him "what'd you hear" he said, "that crazy growl, it shook my whole body!" I looked at him and asked, "Are you sure?" He was sure, so I told him what I heard.

After it happened it was completely quiet, no rustling of the leaves, nothing, almost like everything just shut up. We drove around the pond a couple times to see what we might be able to find, but nothing. We decided whatever it was didn't want us there, so we went back. The next day I was telling my other cousin about it; this is where things get even weirder. The mule we drove down to the pond had an hour meter on it, it read a little past 666, which would have put it on 666. 0 when we were fishing.

I've heard wolves, coyotes, and other things growl out in those woods before, but this wasn't anything like that. This growl was different, and to be honest the first thing that I thought of was a demon or something demonic. We even went back the next few nights, but nothing. I wish I could better explain what it was, but it was pitch black out and when I looked it the direction when it happened I saw nothing but black.

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## 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  
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Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

List Children:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

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