



# Western Bass Club

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## WBC News November 2011

### President's Report



Rodney Heupel, President

Hello members and guests,

We are well into our fall with winter just around the corner; our year is just about over. It has been really exciting the past few months to welcome so many new members to the club. For them, the first year in the club has just started. So be sure to welcome the new faces when you see them at the meetings. For some of you long time members, your face might look new to a few of us too. Yes, I know, jobs and family do conflict at times with our passion and love of bass fishing. Let us all mark our calendars, program reminders into our smart phones and set our GPS units to guide us to the monthly meetings of the Western Bass Club. Guests are always welcome to attend. Angie has been doing a great job of booking some great entertainment. For those members that live those great distances away on both sides of the mountains, mark your calendar now for the Annual Awards Banquet this coming January 14th 2012.

I am pleased to announce our own Western Bass Club member, Bonnie Ward, claimed a victory on the Co-angler side of the Lady Bass Anglers Association's inaugural Lady Bass Classic. Congratulations to Bonnie!

For you ladies out there that like to catch a fish, and want to move up the ranks and join Bonnie in the list of great lady bass anglers, we offer during our bass fishing tournaments a Woman's Division and a Couple's Division. I am also looking forward to the soon to be Juniors' Divisions. What great opportunity for the whole family to fish together in one club.

See ya'll at the upcoming meetings and our monthly "Frost Bite Season's" Fish-Ins.

Rodney Heupel  
President, Western Bass Club

## Meeting Minutes

Dan Mowry, Secretary

### General Member Meeting, October 19, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:10 P.M. There were 13 members present. We had one visitor, Colan. Meeting Minutes were read and approved.

**Entertainment:** We had Daryl reporting on his participation in the "Triton Owners Tournament" located on Clear Lake in California. His team finished in 20th place this year. Last year they were first, but the lake and weather conditions were completely different this year, so they had to scramble for fish, but still finished in the money. Congratulations and thanks for the report.

**V.P./Tournament Director Report:** Terry was not here, so a few members reported on the Team tournament. Details are on the web-site and in the Newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have \$1394.56 in the Bank. The Sportsman Show has been paid for.

**Ambassador Report:** Dan was not present so the details of last month's fish-in on Black Lake will be on the website and in the newsletter. Next month's fish-in will be on Lake Washington on November 5th. Details are on the website and in the newsletter.

**Greeter/Green slip:** We have one visitor tonight, named Colan, We wish to welcome him. We have three green slips Dan C ??? Larry had a 4.10lb SM on Lake Washington on a drop shot. And Daryl had a 9.10lb LM on Clear Lake.

**Special Events:** Our Annual Awards Banquet will be held on January 14th, 2012. At 6:00 P.M. at 4219 S. Othello St. Seattle, WA 98118. This is the club house at the place where Terry works. Thank you, Terry. Chris will post on the website to see who can provide tables and chairs for the Banquet as they are not available at the clubhouse. Further details and directions will be posted on the website. And an invitation will be sent out again this year. Remember to bring a pot-luck dish, any items you wish to donate for the raffle, crank baits for the crank bait tree, and money for raffle tickets.

**Entertainment:** Next Month will be a Rep. from Diawa.

**New Business:** It was suggested to also bring a bag of plastic baits to the Banquet. Everyone will put their name on the ones they bring, throw them in a pile, and draw one for a winner take all prize. Daryl is willing to make a "Custom Rod" to raffle at the Sportsman Show, if the club would like to use the proceeds to buy pizza and food for an "Open House" meeting on a weekend in March. Use all the contacts we get from the Sportsman show to have a big welcome get together so we can utilize the people we meet to build our membership.

**Old Business:** Due to a lack of a quorum, the Election of Board members, and the inclusion of the Jr. Division will be voted on at the November meeting. The voting will be made available on-line for these issues. However a quorum of 15 members must be present at the November meeting, so please be there to support your club on these important decisions.

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:** We would like to congratulate Member Bonnie Ward. She finished first in the co-angler division of the LBAA (Ladies Bass Anglers Association) Championship.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

A thought on the tenacity of the Smallmouth Bass from World famous author and fisherman Joe Brooks:

“When I opened up a 4 ½ pound lunker bass... what did I find? Two field mice each about 5 inches long, two minnows about 4 inches long, and one 5-inch trout with its tail just showing in the Bass’s throat. Here was this jasper making like the filling of knockwurst and wants a bucktail, yet!”

And from Humorist Ed Zern:

“Fisherman are born honest, but they get over it.”

## Special



Chris Blandi, Special Events Director

### WBC Annual Banquet

We have a date for the Awards Banquet. It will be Saturday, January 14th, at 6pm. It will be at Terry's workplace in the South Seattle/Tukwila area. The location is:

The Station at Othello Park  
Address: 4219 South Othello ST  
Seattle, WA 98118

We are in need of some tables and chairs for this event, so if you have any please post on the forum or e-mail me how many you can bring so we can tally up how many we have. I can bring 4 tables, and about 10 chairs myself.

For the new members, this is a potluck so bring your appetite and your favorite dish, of course. We will have a big raffle table as well, so hope everyone is feeling lucky. Donated items for the raffle table are always encouraged as this helps sell a few more tickets which helps the club's funds. I was at Dick's over the weekend and saw a nice Berkley tool kit on sale and Susan told me we should buy two, so I'm donating one of them to the table.

The CrankBait Tree will be on display. The Crankbait Tree is like a raffle in itself: bring in a new in package crankbait, hang it on the tree and you get a raffle ticket. The more crankbaits you bring, the more chances you have to win!

Also this year we are having a soft plastics raffle. Bring one or more packs of soft plastics ( not your 10 yr old worms ) write your name on each package, and the name drawn will win all the plastics ! Great idea that was brought up at the last membership meeting.

We will also be handing out the club's yearly awards. With awards from fishing accomplishments to member of the year, you just might be getting one, so best to come so we can give you a round of applause.

We are really hoping for a high turnout Banquet this year, as our location sounds like it's very nice. Thanks to Terry for hooking us up! Mark your calendars!

Chris Blandi  
PowerWorm17@yahoo.com

## Fish-In Report

Dan Caffrey, Ambassador Director



October 8th Fish-In  
Black Lake, Thurston County

Four boats, five members and one guest showed up to fish. The water temperature was approximately 63 degrees. The weather was calm and cloudy to slightly breezy with sun breaks. In boat one, there was Hooter and his guest Dave. They caught some smaller size bass, and had a nice one up to the boat, but it got away. Patrick went out solo and managed to land one largie and one smally. Each was about a pound and a half. Rodney also went out solo. He caught 13 bass, the big one being a 3 pounder. Finally, there was Jose and I. We managed to land four largies and one smalley. The four I caught were all decent sized, the big one went 4.11oz. Jose's fish was unweighed but slightly under a pound in my opinion. When all boats catch fish, it's a good fish in. When the forecast calls for rain, and not a drop falls, its even better!

See you next month at Lake Washington!  
Thanks all who attended!

## Entertainment



Angie Dover, Entertainment Director

Mark your calendars for the November club meeting! We're gonna have Kiley Brehm speaking about Daiwa bass products including the new 2012 products!

Kiley Brehm is the Inside Sales Rep for Maschmedt & Associates. Maschmedt & Associates is a proud supporter of several organizations dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of fishing, hunting and outdoor recreation opportunities throughout the United States.

## Meeting Information

**Date:** Third Wednesday of each month

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Kennydale Community Center  
2424 NE 27th  
Renton, WA





## 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)

Website User Name \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Western Bass Club  
Attn: Secretary  
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