



# Western Bass Club

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## WBC NEWS January 2011

### Meeting Minutes

Dan Mowry

Secretary

Since there was no General Member Meeting in December, there are no meeting minutes to report. So we just have a few reminders to give.

The **Sportsman Show** is coming up on January 26-30. We need more volunteers to help with the club booth. Entry passes are limited this year, so sign up early to ensure you get a pass if you need one and to get the time's you want. The sign up sheet is on the web site, and should be available at the Banquet.

Reminder that **Membership renewals and sign-ups** are due by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

The next General Meeting will be Wednesday January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011. We will be having the SKILLS Challenge

And a few **New Year 's Resolutions** for 2011:

Keep a fishing log this year in detail, every time you go out, and refer to it often.

Take a kid fishing, or a non-boater.

Get involved with the Club's Ambassador program. It's worthwhile and you can make a difference in someone's fishing life.

Turn in a Green Slip every Month. It helps other's learn who, what, where, when, and how to get into a fish catching opportunity. Even if it is not the biggest HOG in your life, share with the club, we are a family learning and teaching club after all.

And from Author William Cowper Prime.

*"The contentment which fills the mind of the angler at the close of his day's sport is one of the chiefest charms in his life."*

From the New Yorker Magazine

*"Bass fishermen watch Monday Night Football, drink beer, drive pickup trucks and prefer noisy women with big breasts. Trout fishermen watch MacNeil-Lehrer, drink white wine, drive foreign cars with passenger-side airbags and hardly think about women at all."*

This last characteristic may have something to do with the fact that trout fishermen spend most of their time immersed up to the thighs in ice cold water."



Rodney Heupel

**President**

Hello Western Bass Club members and guests,

Happy New Year to all! What New Year's resolutions did you make this year? As warm water fishermen here it is: I resolve to pay my membership dues to continue and/or become a member of the oldest bass fishing club in the nation, the Western Bass Club! I resolve to certify my scale with the Greeter and Green Slips Chairman. I resolve to enter the Big Bass Kitty. I resolve to keep a fishing log each and every time I fish. I resolve to fill out and turn in a Green Slip each and every month for the bass, perch, walleye, bluegill and crappie that I catch. I resolve to take a friend fishing several times a year. I resolve to share my knowledge of fishing. I resolve to attend Fish-Ins and tournaments. I resolve to become the best fisherman I can.

We all like to fish and to share our knowledge of fishing, that is what brings us together as the Western Bass Club. The key to you becoming the best fisherman you can be is participation in club activities. On your journey to become the best you will make good friendships, learn, teach, maybe even become a club officer. You may strive to earn one of the many club awards. Participate, that is all it takes.

We will have wrapped up last year with the annual awards banquet on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January. January is a busy month with our meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> followed the next week with the Western Washington Sportsman's Show beginning 26 January. We are allowed 6 free passes per day for workers at our booth. Be sure to sign up to work the booth.

I am looking forward to a great year ahead. Let's all have a year of participation.

Terry Steffensen

Ambassador Director

Hello WBC! Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with their families and friends. The New Year is here and yet again we get to start looking forward to April and our first tournament. I, for one, am really looking forward to what the 2011 season will bring. I have a busy spring ahead of me getting my boat back on the water. I keep looking at it sitting in the garage in pieces and have not found the motivation with the cold weather to get working on it. I will get it done, oh yes, I will get it done. Thanks again to Thomas Maciel for referring me to Diamond Painting and giving such a great reference to a great fiberglass company. They gave me a great price, turn around and very good communication. Also, thanks Thomas for helping with the monthly raffle and hooking us up for the Awards Banquet. You're a great friend for the club. Enough sap, back to business. I put it in the last newsletter, but I am going to continue to put the schedule in every newsletter going forward. Here it is...

April-Draw Tournament: Silver Lake, 4/16-4/17/2011  
May-1st Points Tournament: Potholes, 5/14-5/15/2011  
June-2nd Points Tournament: Riffe, 6/18-6/19/2011  
July-Jack & Jill Tournament: Banks, 7/23-7/24/2011  
August-3rd Points Tournament: Lower Columbia, 8/20-8/21/2011  
September-4th Points Tournament: Chelan, 9/24-9/25/2011  
October-Team Tournament: Washington, 10/1-10/2/2011

As you can see we are a mere few months away from our first tournament of the year. I know it seems early, but I like to be prepared and get the information out early and often.

**April**, we will be staying at the Silver Lake Resort. Here is their website; you can visit it for contact and general information. <http://www.silverlake-resort.com/>. Remember, it doesn't hurt to give them a call early and get your camping set up.

**May** is up in the air at this point. I am going to shoot for Warden's again. More to come.

**June** is up in the air, it's been awhile since I've been there, thinking Taidnepam. 106 Taidnapam Park E, Glenoma, WA 98336 (360) 497-7707. More to come.

**July** will be at Banks. Call Coulee Playland ASAP as they fill up fast. <http://www.couleeplayland.com/>.

**August** we will be at Tri Mountain RV,  
109 South 65th Avenue # C  
Ridgefield, WA 98642  
(360) 887-8983

**September** will be at Kamei Resort, 5000 Wapato Lake Rd. Manson, WA 98831, phone (509) 687- 3690.

**October**, HOME!!

I will update the gray areas ASAP when I get more information.  
Let's have a great year and look out, Rodney!



## Fish-In Report

Rodney Heupel

Ambassador Director

### DECEMBER FISH-IN FISHING LOG

**Location:** Lake Washington    **Date:** 12/11/10    **Day of Week:** Saturday

**County:** King    **Time Started:** 0800    **Time Finished:** 1300

**Water Temp:** Start: 47.6    End: 48.2

**Structure Types:** points, rock piles, humps

**Weather:**

Time	Temp	Pressure	Wind	Wind Speed	Wind gust	Humidity	Rainfall Rate		
08:01	46.5 °F			30.10in	WSW	5.0mph	10.0mph	85%	0.0
13:06	46.5 °F			30.10in	WSW	5.0mph	10.0mph	85%	0.0

**Water Clarity:** clear

**Water Level:** full

**Total Number of Fish:** numerous

**Big Fish:** 2.5 lb trout

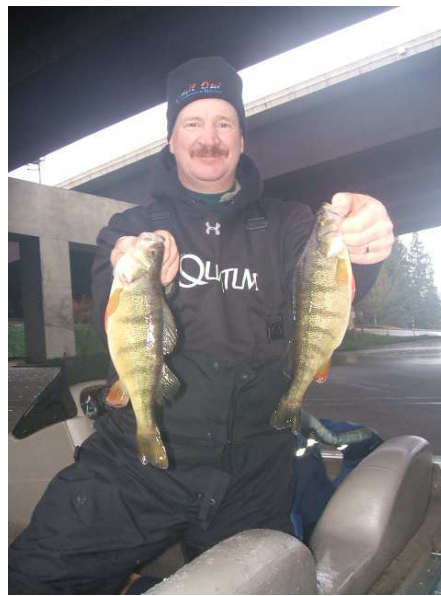
**Fish Caught:** All caught perch. Dan had a nice smallmouth on a drop shot that came unhooked. Rodney had two nice trout.

**PRODUCTIVE TECHNIQUES:** shot, jig

**Members/Guests Present:** Larry (the Past), Rodney (the Present), Dan & Christi (the Future)

It is hard to believe that this is my last report as the Fish-In Director. It has really been an enjoyable year and the weather has been enjoyable every month. We seemed to miss the storms or get a nice break while on the water.

The December Fish-In was the event of the Past, Present and Future. I thank all those that attended the Fish-In events these last twelve months.



Dan Caffrey

**Ambassador Director**

My name is Dan Caffrey and I am the new Ambassador Director for the club. My goal is to meet and greet new members, increase participation in the ambassador program, and help new members feel welcome to the club. I have been fishing bass for 17 years. My fishing experience includes everything from light spinning/finesse to flippin' heavy jigs through matted veggies. I like to fish bass all 12 months of the year and like to fish for both large and small mouth. I'll be the first to admit I don't know it all, and there is always more to learn; that's why I joined the club last year. I must say I'm very glad I made the decision to join. I have met a lot of people with the same appreciation for the sport of bass fishing that I have. I've learned that the fish-ins and tournaments are excellent ways to learn techniques and tactics that will help put bass in the boat. I also found out that the club members are more than willing to share helpful hints when needed. That is why I will gladly be the Ambassador Director. I hope to see you all, at one time or another during the 2011 fish-in season.

## ***JANUARY FISH IN***

January 15th, 2011

Location previously set for Lake Sammamish, but because the launch is still under heavy construction, the location is changed to Lake Washington at the East mercer launch.

6:30 am breakfast at Denny's, 8:00 am launch. See the website for further information.



Mark Brown

**Green Slip/Greeter**

With the New Year upon us, it is time to get your personal scales certified. Remember, scales must be certified prior to turning in Green Slips, participating in the Big Bass Kitty or qualifying for any annual awards. I will have the equipment at each general membership meeting, club tournaments and all of the fish-in's I attend.

### **Why should you turn in Green Slips?**

Turning in Green Slips is a great opportunity to share knowledge with other club members about a lake, a presentation or a specific technique. Also, a \$10 cash award is given to the member who enters the largest bass per month, but the bragging rights are priceless. Entries submitted will qualify for Big Fish of the Year, big stringer of the year and Annual Certificates that will be handed out at the Awards Banquet for all smallmouth bass caught over four pounds and all largemouth bass caught over 5 pounds.

We also continue to have our monthly Big Bass Kitty open to all club members. Each month the member with the largest bass is awarded the cash in that month's kitty. The member with the largest amount of accumulated weight at the end of the year is awarded a special prize. This contest begins with the March meeting and ends at the October meeting. In order to qualify, you must pre-pay the entire eight month period or the entire remaining months at the time of your entry. The cost is \$1.00 per month. Each paid contestant may enter one bass per month. The bass must be caught in Washington, on a public lake or stream (accessible to everyone), be caught on an artificial lure, be weighed on a certified scale and witnessed.

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.

### **Western Bass Club t-shirts, hats....**

I will bring t-shirts (\$10) and hats (\$13) to each general membership meeting for purchase. I will also be taking orders for sweatshirts and Jackets. Orders for sweatshirts will be placed when I have a minimum of 15 requests to keep the cost below \$23 per. Jacket orders will be placed upon your request. Jackets range from \$50 to \$60 depending on your embroidery choices.

Best of luck fishing in 2011!

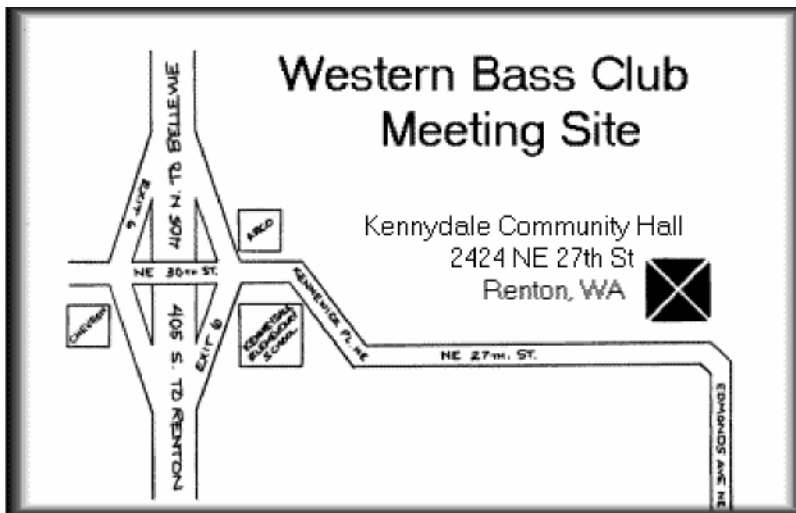
## Meeting Information

Date: Third Wednesday of each month

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

Club Homepage: [www.westernbassclub.com](http://www.westernbassclub.com)



The Silver Lake Resort would like to extend a limited time offer to the members of the Western Bass Club.

From now until the end of March, 2 nights paid get an additional night free in the Silver Lake Resort Motel!

Motel rooms have a kitchen, television and a private balcony over the lake!

Please call for reservations!

Be sure to mention offer code **(members only section in web site)** when you make reservations.

Thanks, we look forward to welcoming you!

Silver Lake Resort  
Silverlake WA, 98645  
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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 (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

Mail to: Western Bass Club  
Attn: Secretary  
PO Box 59027  
Renton WA 98058