



Western Bass Club
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WBC News September 2011

President's Report



Rodney Heupel, President

Meeting Minutes

Dan Mowry, Secretary

General Meeting August 17, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. There were 19 members present. Minutes from last month's meeting were read and approved.

Entertainment: We had our very own, Daryl Snodgrass give a presentation on rod building. It was very informative and he answered a lot of questions about the finer points of the fishing rod. Thank You Daryl.

V.P./Tournament Director: This Month is the Lower Columbia River. The driver's meeting will be at 5:30 A.M. All details are on the website. Next month will be at Lake Chelan. Again all details are on the website. Terry will get all the tournament results and standings updated and sent to John. We received info from the State, that we have no conflicts for our tournament schedule for next year. Which means all of the Lakes we selected for next season, are good to go. Make sure you call in your reservations for Lower Columbia and Chelan.

Treasurers Report: We have \$1126.69 in the bank. The website bill has been paid.

Ambassador Report: The Lawrence Lake fish-in had 3 boats and 5 people. There were 3 fish caught. There was also a night fish-in at Lake Sawyer. We had 4 boats, 6 people, and 3 guest. Jeff I. caught big fish 3.5lb. You might need a Discover Pass to fish Lake Sammamish, and other Lakes. Dan will send a letter to the State to find out what this pass is needed for.

Greeter/Greenslips: We had 7 greenslips turned in: Christy-3lb LM- Lawrence Lake-Who Daddy...Jeff-3.6lb LM-Sawyer-chatter bait... Bob-3.8lb LM-Big Lake-Senko....Bonny-4.2lb SM-Lake Washington-Senko....Rodney-4.4lb SM American Lake-drop shot...Dan C.-4.12lb LM-Lake Of-fat-Swim Bait...BIG FISH-Larry-5.3lb LM-Banks Lake-Senko...

Special Events: The wounded Warrior event went very well. Thanks to all who helped out. Anyone wishing to do more can work through the F.L.W. The next big event is "Cast for Kids" on Sept. 10. We still need more boats. Details and contact info is on the website.

Old Business: The Junior Division info has been finalized and is available to review. It can be voted on and added to club by-laws at the October Meeting.

New Business: The club needs to order more Fishing Rods for the raffle. Thomas, Nick, and Daryl will check on prices and availability, and the board will decide which direction to proceed in.

The Banquet was also discussed. The Eagle's wants to charge for the use of their hall. They want \$300.00 rent and a \$200.00 deposit. Terry may be able to get a hall for free, and John will check on the price and availability of the Kennydale facility. We also discussed other options;

catering, charging a fee to cover cost, having it at a restaurant. The Board will continue to research and figure out our options.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

A reflection from author John Gierach:

“Soon the pond will move into its evening program. The bass and the larger panfish will come out of the deep water to nose into the shallows. This they’ll do to the music of the spheres-the turning of the planet that drops the sun, slants the light, cools the water, and brings the fish to the surface.”

And from Humorist Patrick F. McManus:

“Smoked carp tastes just as good as smoked salmon when you ain’t got no smoked salmon.”

Special Events



Chris Blandi, Special Events Director

What's going on, WBC? Hope you are enjoying your summer. It's almost over ! Fall is coming though and if you aren't getting bit now, you will be soon.

If you missed the Cast 4 Kids event at Coulon Park today, then you missed all sorts of fun. Western showed up in numbers and we helped Jim Owens put kids on fish and give quality, safe boat rides for most of the morning. I took out John and Melissa from Redmond. Our boat caught 19 fish, give or take. Biggest was a 12" Smallie by the captain, and we also got one LM, a couple smaller SM, a mess of perch, and a pumpkinseed sunfish. White Sniper Snubs caught most of them, shout out to Dan Johnson for a great bait.

Volunteer boaters today were: Phil Hudgens, Says, Bob Paysno, John Greer, Mark Brown, Thomas Maciel, Rodney Heupel, and Don Hankinson. Other volunteers were Angie Dover and her gang, Bob's wife, Thomas's wife, and the great Faz. I saw no frowns all day! Thanks to the members of Western Bass Club for making this a great event time and time again. The next club event is the end of the year Awards Banquet. It is scheduled for January 14th, 2012 and more details will be coming soon. Get out there and hook a hawg and submit that green slip! Okay, my week of vacation officially starts now, wish me luck haha. C ya.



Tournament Report

VP/Tournament, Terry Steffensen

I hope everyone is enjoying summer finally arriving in the Great Northwest. I know I haven't had too many opportunities to enjoy it this year, but fully intend to go out with a bang. I was glad to see those who attended our last tournament on the Lower Columbia. Aside from a "zoo" of a boat ramp both days everything went off without a hitch and everyone had a blast fishing anywhere from the main Columbia outside of Vancouver to running many miles up the Willamette River. I thoroughly enjoyed spending the time on the water with Thomas who graciously opened up his boat and gear to me for the weekend. We even managed to catch a few fish!

Lower Columbia Results:

Lower Columbia Points #3 August 20/21 2011

Place	Standings	Total Weight
1	Mark Brown	13.20
2	Bob Payseno	13.15
3	Terry Steffensen	9.74
4	Thomas Maciel	8.75 BF 3.53
5	Faz	7.65
6	Angie Dover	4.67
7	Henry Dover	3.87
8	Rodney Heupel	2.89
9	Jim Smith	1.04
10	Jose Gomez-Elegido	0.00
11	Brad Johnson	0.00

Well, we're off to Lake Chelan next. Here are the details:

When: September 24/25, 2011

Camping: Kamei Resort 5000 Wapato Lake Rd. Manson, WA 98831 Phone (509) 687- 3690

Driver's Meeting: 6am at Old Mill Park and Boat Launch

Blast-off: To follow driver's meeting, approx. 6:30am or safe light.

All of the previous tournament results should be updated shortly on the website as I just got them over to John. One last thing we will be having our Team Tournament on Lake Washington on October 1st and 2nd. This falls a mere week behind Lake Chelan, so I will post details here:

Lake Washington Team Tournament:

Launch: Newport Shores

Drivers Meeting: 6am

Blast off: 6:30am or safe light.

Remember this is a team format, so entry fees are \$50 per boat even if you fish by yourself. The daily limit will be 6 fish, but if you fish solo it is only 5.

Enjoy the weather and see you there!

Treasury Report



John Greer, Treasurer

We have \$ 1126.29, but of course, you already know that as Dan wrote that in the minutes. So my report is an exercise in redundancy.

Fish-In Report



Dan Caffrey, Ambassador Director

The August night fish in at **Lake Sawyer** was a blast! Four boats, six members, and three guests showed up to put their night fishing skills to the test. It was cloudy, so the full moon never got a chance to poke through and really light things up, but all four boats caught fish and everyone had a good time. In boat 1 Thomas and his two guests from the Tri Cities managed to land some bass, their biggest being around a pound and a half. Then there was Hooter and his guest Dave. They each caught a bunch of bass and their biggest was a 3.5 - 4.0 lb LM caught after our midnight meeting when Thomas and Says left. It was caught by Hooter. Then there was Says and Jeff I. Says' big bass weighed in around 2.5 and Big Fish honors went to Jeff I With a 3.68 LM . Finally there was Christy and I. My biggest fish was also caught after midnight and weighed in at just over 3lbs. It was a Smallie. The water temp started at 72 degrees and ended up at 70.1 by the time we pulled out at 3:30 AM.

There really was a decent number of bass that came out of this lake, and a good mix between LM and SM. I really was surprised we didn't pull anything bigger out, but I've heard 3 lbs in Lake Sawyer is pretty good these days, so I don't think we did too bad.

Thanks all who attended, sorry for ruining your sleep patterns!

Three boats and five members showed up to fish **Lake Lawrence** at the September Fish In. The first boat was Darrel S and his wife, then there was Rodney, and finally Christy and I. The water Temp was 73-74 degrees and it was overcast all day. The three that were caught came from my boat. I caught a 1lb 15oz, and Christy backseated me with a 1lb 14oz, and a 3lb even. The fishing might have been better according to one home owner that said they had sprayed three times that spring for weeds. There wasn't much vegetation, and some of the lilies looked like someone had burned them. It really was a tough day.

Thank you those who attended!

Dan Caffrey

Entertainment

Angie Dover, Entertainment Director



August's entertainment was our very own Daryl Snodgrass with Rod Building and Repair 101.

Great tips on rod building, including some tips and tricks about selecting eyes and tying them, handle selection and how to hone the cork, and reel seat gluing. The class was informative and as always Daryl's humor made his presentation very entertaining. For all that did not attend Daryl had some very reasonable repair prices on rod eye and tip repair, drop him a pm if you want to get another season out of that old rod.



Next month's entertainment will be Marc Medeiros; he will be talking about fall fishing patterns.

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. In what century did bass fishing begin?

A. Bass fishing is an old sport. The correct answer is that it started in the 18th century. However, like most beginnings it was a rudimentary beginning, the progress we've made a few centuries is almost frightening. Most likely, it began in the southern regions of the US. But, today bass fishing is an international obsession and professional as well as amateur fishing competitions can be found all over the world.

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.

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