



# Western Bass Club

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## WBC News March 2012

### President's Report



Rodney Heupel, President

Hello Western Bass Club members and guests,

Woke up this morning to spring forward, I have finally learned how to advance all the clocks in my house. I really like those that do it automatically, of course with this being a leap year my watch didn't advance properly for last month having 29 days. Spring is officially just around the corner, and we have spring fever already. Time doesn't wait for us; the bass are already becoming active with the spawn not far away. The time is now to make the final preparations for a great fishing season ahead. Our club members have already been catching

some great largemouth bass!

This last month members donated time at the local Cabela's during the Captains Weekend Spring Great Outdoors Days. Special thanks to Larry, Dan, Christy, Thomas and his wife, Daryl, Henry. It was a fun time by all us. We were able to promote the club, share our knowledge, and assist customers shopping for the proper bass lures and baits that work here as well as save some money ourselves. We are looking forward to future events at Cabela's.

See you all the next meeting or monthly fish-in!

Rodney Heupel  
President, Western Bass Club

## Meeting Minutes

Dan Mowry, Secretary

### General Meeting Minutes 2/15/12

Meeting called to order at 7:02 P.M. There were 23 members and 1 guest present. The Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

**Entertainment:** We had Than Hatch present his thoughts on winter fishing. He also showed and suggested that we learn how to FIZZ fish through the mouth. He showed many of the techniques and baits that he uses, and his main point was to “think outside the box”, you can catch fish behind other people if you throw in a little variance, from what they are doing. Next Month will be the SWAP MEET!!!

**V.P./Tournament Director:** Terry is working on a place to stay for the Box Canyon Tournament. Everything on that side of state is closed this time of year. He wants suggestions for the Draw tournament. Do we want to have a pizza party, or do a fish-in style cookout on Saturday night? We usually have a potluck for the Draw, but since it is in town this year, he would like to know what everyone would like to do. We have camping spots 1-8 lined up for the Jamboree, so call and put your name in and tell them you are with Western. Remember to get copies of your insurance to Terry for the tournament season.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have \$978.55 in the bank. The rent for the hall has been paid for the year. John received some books about lakes of Washington. He will put them in club archives, and make copies of the Lakes we fish.

**Ambassador Report:** February fish-in was at Lake Sammamish. We had 7 boats, 10 people, and 3 guest. There were 5 fish caught. Info on the December and January fish-ins are on the web-site and in the newsletter. The March fish-in will be at Long Lake in Port Orchard, on March 24th. Details are on the web site and in the newsletter. Looking to have WARM Water.

**Greeter/ Green Slips:** Make sure you get your scales certified for the up-coming season. Green slips for the Month are... Rodney-2lb.1 oz. SM from Lake Washington on a football jig/hula grub,---Phil-3lb 6oz on a tube---Dan C-3lb7oz SM Lake Washington on a drop shot---Dan C-2lb15oz SM lake Sammamish on a drop shot---Christy-3lb8oz SM Lake Washington on a drop shot---Dan C-4lb1oz SM lake Washington on a drop shot.

**Special Events:** Nothing is coming up in the immediate future. June is CAST for Kids, and July is Wounded Warriors. We will give a rod away at every Club Monthly meeting.

**Old Business:** A motion was made, seconded and the vote passed to include a Junior Division in the Club Tournaments, as presented last Month. Bonnie is working on picking out a tournament shirt; to be paid for by the club as voted on last month.

**New Business:** Cabela's is having a Spring Sale Extravaganza and they would like the club to participate. Larry will get the dates and the details and put it on line for anyone who would like to help out. Volunteers get the employee discount those days.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

A thought from author Patrick F. McManus;

"There would be a lot less divorce in this country if more husbands and wives fished together."

And my own question to ponder for the Month;

"If a man is fishing down the bank, pitching and flipping; And there are NO women in site. Is he still WRONG???"

## Fish-In Report

Dan Caffrey, Ambassador Director



Seven boats, and ten people showed up to fish. The bite was really tough in the 43 degree water. The sun came out along with some good wind. The only two small mouths caught were by me. One was 1lb 13 oz the other was 2lb 15 oz. I also caught a Kokanee on my first cast. Jose also caught a nice trout. Mark Brown managed to also catch a nice trout. I noticed alot of the fish were suspending 15 to 20 feet off of the bottom, in 50 to 60 feet of water. That's probably why they were so hard to catch. Fishing for bass in the winter months is definitely not an easy thing to do. We all wish we caught more fish, but that's just how some days go. Hopefully we will do better next month.

We had a vote at the February meeting and decided to go Largemouth fishing for the next Fish In. The Fish In will be held at Long Lake out in Port Orchard, on March 24th. Hope to see you there. Don't forget to chime in the Fish In Section of the web sit to let me know you'll be there, or at any of the other future Fish Ins. It helps me know how much food and drinks to bring.

Thanx to everyone that showed up  
I think we'll do alot better next time

Dan Caffrey



## Entertainment



Angie Dover, Entertainment Director

I would like to thank Thayne Hatch for coming and speaking with the club about winter fishing techniques! Thayne has been on the Auburn Sports & Marine Pro-Staff for over 6 years and has been fishing the tournament circuit including; ABA and NW Bass for 17 plus years! Thayne had a lot of information to share with the club!

Including:

- It's important to set up your electronic for winter, watch your depth range.
- Look for the transitions spots like gravel to rock or rock to sand.
- Find the spot on the spot. One way of doing this is to do figure "8's" over a spot.
- Don't forget, when you get a bit take time to note the details.
- Don't be afraid to use big baits in the winter.

Mark your calanders...

March entertainment: is the swap-meet. Great opportunity for selling and buying!

April entertainment: is going to be our very own Bonnie Ward the Co-Angler Champion of the Lady Bass Anglers Classic! Bonnie will be going over bass fishing 101!

May entertainment: Russ Baker our local TBF President will be sharing some of his Potholes secrets! Just in time too as our Potholes tournament is the weekend after!

June entertainment: Henry Dover will be giving another Do It seminar. This time he will show us jig heads with weed guards, shad heads and more painting tricks.

I'm working hard to find entertainment for our meetings but if you have any requests please let me know!

Angie Dover  
skeeterdover@hotmail.com

## Tournament Report

Terry Steffenson, VP/Tournament Director

Hello fellow Western Bass Club members.

I am getting really excited to get the tournaments under way this season. Here is our tournament schedule for the year along with places we will be staying. Please note; you are responsible for making your own reservations. Just mention you will be there with Western Bass Club so they will attempt to put us in the same vicinity.

### April 28/29: Lake Washington

This is our annual draw tournament. The format is set up so boaters and non-boaters each draw numbers and pair up each day. This is not a points tournament. Everyone participates as an individual. This gives an opportunity for new anglers and anglers without boats to get a chance to get out in a tournament format and participate. This is a really fun and exciting tournament and a great opportunity to meet and fish alongside new people. We will be launching from Newport Shores. <http://bellevue.patch.com/listings/se-40th-street-boat-launch>. Watch for updates on the WBC Forums as I would like to try and get as many people together after Saturday's weigh-in at a central location for late lunch/dinner. Due to the proximity to most people's homes, there is no camping specified.

### May 19/20: Potholes Reservoir

This is our first points tournament of the season. Unlike our April draw tournament, new anglers are encouraged and required to find partners via the website or contacts through the meetings or fish-ins. This is also an individual tournament. We will be staying at Lake Warden's Resort. Here is their link: <http://www.lakewardenresort.com>. We will be launching from the Lind Coulee boat launch. I will update the tournament schedule on the main page of our website to have the Google Earth location for those that aren't familiar. As we get closer to the event, I will give more detailed launch and weigh-in times.

### June 23/24: Box Canyon Reservoir, Pend Oreille River

This is our second points tournament of the season. This is a new location for everyone and should be very challenging and exciting. I have arranged for us to stay at <http://blueslidesort.com/>. You can contact them via the website or call the phone number listed. You will have to leave a message as they aren't open for the season yet, but they are taking reservations. We will be launching and weighing in from their launch and beach.

### July 28/29: Lake Roosevelt

This is our annual Jack and Jill tournament. It is just as it sounds, a man/woman format. It is designed to have your spouse, daughter or girlfriend participate. This is a team format so all weights for each boat are combined each day. We will be staying at <http://www.couleeplayland.com>. They are expecting us, but as usual you need to arrange your own camping.

August 18/19: Lower Columbia

This is our third points tournament of the season. We will be staying at Tri-Mountain Rv Park, Ridgefield 109 S 65th Ave, Ridgefield, WA 98642 | (360)887-8983. We will be launching from Portco or otherwise referred to as Marine Park. [http://www.cityofvancouver.us/parks-recreation/parks\\_trails/parks/marine.asp](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/parks-recreation/parks_trails/parks/marine.asp).

September 22/23: Tri Cities/Wallula

This will be our final points tournament of the season. We will be launching from Columbia Point. <http://richlandparksandrec.com/Facilities.aspx?Page=detail&RID=13>. The trick to Richland is there is no tent camping anywhere in the vicinity. I plan on staying at <http://wrightsdesertgold.com/>.

October 6/7: Lake Washington

This is our final tournament of the year and is a team format tournament. You are responsible for creating your own team. We will be launching from Newport Shores. <http://bellevue.patch.com/listings/se-40th-street-boat-launch>.

I will have more information in upcoming newsletter articles and as always, will have information posted on the forums prior to the tournaments.

Thanks, Terry

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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