



Western Bass Club

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WBC News April 2012

President's Report



Rodney Heupel, President

Hello Western Bass Club members and guests,

This last month has been real exciting for the WBC, the membership rolls are growing with new to bass fishing members as well as many knowledgeable veteran bass anglers. The new members are eager to learn techniques and proper co-angler etiquette.

This month is the first non-points tournament of the year, the Draw Tournament, it's designed to get our boaters and non-boaters a chance to fish with a different angler each day giving both a chance to learn from each other as well as get to know each other. I am looking forward

to seeing a high turn out with it being close to home on Lake Washington.

May will be exciting with this being the first time our younger members will be able to compete in the new Junior's Divisions, consisting of two age groups, ten years and younger and eleven to sixteen years of age. Our young anglers are going to take this club well beyond the century mark!

This last week at a job site I was recognized and thanked for being a "sea captain" with the C.A.S.T. for Kids foundation. There are no words to explain how good this makes a person feel on the inside. I highly encourage you to get involved this year in the events to include the Fishing Kids events. New to many is the Take a Warrior Fishing event. C.A.S.T. for Kids has joined forces with the Evergreen Bass Club with support from the Western Bass Club to host an event on American Lake in Tacoma taking out military personnel – especially targeting wounded warriors. It's an incredible opportunity for all of us to give something back to those that have given so much for all of us. Check our calendar for the dates of these future events.

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

Rodney Heupel
President, Western Bass Club

Meeting Minutes

Dan Mowry, Secretary

General Meeting Minutes 3/21/12

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. There were 31 members present, and we would like to welcome two new members, Tom & Lisa Horn. The meeting minutes from last month were read and approved. We reviewed the details of the Jr. Division, and it was voted into the club's tournament section. The Swap Meet was held from 7:15 to 8:00

V.P./Tournament Director Report: The April club Tournament will be at Lake Washington. This is the Draw Tournament, so you do not need to pre-arrange a back seat. We will launch at Newcastle. Details are in the Newsletter and on the web-site. It looks like we will not have any potluck or other dinner for Saturday night, unless someone comes up with an idea tonight!!! The May tournament will be at Potholes on the 19th & 20th. June will be at Box Canyon, we will be staying at the Blue Slide Resort. July will be at Lake Roosevelt, August will be on the Lower Columbia, September will be at Tri-Cities, and October will be the Team Tournament on Lake Washington. Details are on the web-site, and in the Newsletter. Terry will check to see if there are any closed areas at Pend O'relle. Just a reminder that you must have a current copy of your boat insurance in Terry's hand or you cannot run your boat in a club tournament. The Nominations for Tournament Lakes for next year will be taken at the May Meeting.

Treasurers Report: We have \$1306.75 in the bank. The only pending bill due is the Club Insurance.

Ambassador Report: The March fish-in will be at Long Lake. April will be on Lake Washington on the 14th.

Greeter/ Green Slip Report: Dan C caught a 4lb. 8oz. LM on a spinner bait from Lake Kilerney. Club T-Shirts and Sweat Shirts are available from Larry, if he doesn't have your size he can place an order. Larry has also ordered a Tournament Shirt and will have it on hand at the next meeting to discuss the styling and possibility of making a "Club Tournament" Shirt.

Special Events: The upcoming events will be the Fish N' Kids, on June 2nd. The Wounded Warriors on July 14th. And the Potholes Fish N' Kids on August 4th. More details will be on line and in the Newsletter.

Entertainment: Next Month we will have our own Bonnie Ward, In May we will have Russ Baker, and in June we will have Henry Dover.

Old Business: Jim Owens will look into getting the club a lap top computer for Tournament use. The club will then make a donation to Cast For Kids to offset the cost.

New Business: The club has procured an arrangement with “Solar Bat” sunglasses. The club can make a onetime order at 50% off for their products. You can go on-line and choose what you want, up to two pair per member, and bring the money and your order blank to the May 16th meeting. An order blank will be posted on the web-site. Friends and other club associates may obtain a 10% discount when using the club order code. And the club will get credit for all those sales for future discounts. If you have any questions about this, see Angie or John.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Here’s a reminder from author John Hope;
“A bass is a bass wherever it may be.”

And for all of you who are waiting for Spring and Summer. Here’s a thought from author Jack MacKinnon;
“Fisherman don’t yield to the weather.”

Green Slip/Greeter

Larry Sullivan, Greeter

Hey Western!!

As the Greeter and Greenslip person, I have the opportunity to meet folks at the meetings and sometimes start them on their adventure in Bass Club Life. But I would like to challenge you all.....we all have been at the boatlaunch and been asked by folks about what the fishing was like or "what are they biting on?"

Well....maybe...if ya have the time give em a little clinic...show them some baits and how they are rigged. I recently saw some guys launching a Tracker on Lake Sawyer and they immediately asked what are they biting on and how's the temperature. So I got my Dropshot rod and showed them what I was using and told them which docks are famous for producing this time of year and, later in the day, was able to even show them a picture of the 3-15 Small-mouth to boot!! If that was not enough, as we talked after the picture was shown I had my Dropshot down in 25 ft of water and caught a 2 lb Rainbow Trout just to reinforce the point!! It does not take much time to make an impression and promote the sport. Have fun and lets see some great greenslips!

Fish-In Report

Dan Caffrey, Ambassador Director



Long Lake, Port Orchard
March 24th, 2012

7 boats and 13 members and 2 guests showed up today at Long Lake. The water was high and heavily stained, and at some locations muddy. The temperature was 44.5 at launch time and managed to rise up into to 46.5 degree range before we went in at 2:30pm. The mix of low temperatures and low water clarity are something I have made a note to be some of the toughest conditions possible. So it is no surprise to me that no bass were caught. However, it was still a fun day on the water, especially after the sun came out. The wind was kinda rough on us who chose to fish the south end, the kind where you're standing on the troller the whole time you're fishing. For lunch we had chili dog appetizers, while Jose and Christy made a classic Spanish dish called Paella (PIE-AY-AH). It really was a remarkable lunch! Everyone loved it and had fun watching them make it. Oh, and Rodney caught a 14" trout.

Thanks everyone for showing up!!! Glad we had a decent turn out

Dan Caffrey

Entertainment



Angie Dover, Entertainment Director

Thank you everyone who bought and sold during our annual swap meet ~ I saw a lot of great deal!

April is going to be BIG! We have our very own Bonnie Ward sharing some of her fishing techniques. Some of Bonnie's accomplishments are...

Inaugural WBT Tournament as a Co-angler. (April 2006)

2006 Co-Angler Angler of the Year.

Qualified for all four WBT Championships.

Finished the 2011 LBAA season third in Co-angler Angler of the Year points.

Won the Inaugural LBAA Classic (as a Co-angler).

So bring your notebook and questions!

Mark your calendars...

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.

Bass Fishing Trivia

Q. Which US Company is responsible for the development of nylon fishing line?

A. DuPont invented nylon in and started selling nylon monofilament fishing lines.

Q. In what year did the first professional bass fisherman win the first million dollars in fishing?

A. The year is 1992 and the winner of was Larry Nixon and those million dollars where the the total earnings he made in one year fishing professionally

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Meeting Information

Date: Third Wednesday of each month

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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



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