



# Western Bass Club

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## WBC News May 2012

### President's Report



Rodney Heupel, President

Hello Western Bass Club members and guests,

We have started our tournament season for this year, yet it is time for us to begin the nomination process for next year's season. We will nominate this month, May, and vote for them in June. The online voting process will be in effect. I highly encourage those who do fish the tournaments to get involved and vote. Your one vote could make the difference in fishing the lake of your choice.

At the draw tournament the true spirit of the Western Bass Club was clearly demonstrated by long time member, Stu. I had the fortune of drawing him for Saturday. We had a good time together with Stu sharing his knowledge of the lake and techniques. On Sunday, Stu shared his Lake Washington maps fully marked with times of year and what baits and depths to fish with a new member. On Sunday, I was able to share what I had learned from Stu with Collin, fishing his first tournament with the WBC and who was only able to fish on Sunday. The tournament big fish was caught by Collin. What a way to start his Western Bass Club rookie membership. To teach and to learn open and honest lessons from those good members of the club are what it is all about. Special Thanks and mention goes out to Stu for being a true ambassador at this month's draw tournament.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the club functions and on the water!

Rodney Heupel  
President, Western Bass Club

## Meeting Minutes

Dan Mowry, Secretary

### General Meeting April 18th, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:06 P.M. There were 21 members present. We had two new members in attendance, Jerry and Colleen Allen, Welcome. The meeting minutes from the previous month were read and approved.

**Entertainment:** We had Bonnie Ward Give a talk on Basic Bass fishing knowledge. She reminded us of many things a lot of us don't pay attention to, answered many of our questions, and gave us some insight into the world of Professional bass Fishing. Thank you, Bonnie.

**V.P./Tournament Director Report:** Next weekend will be our first tournament of the year. It is the Draw Tournament at Lake Washington. The Driver's meeting will be at 5:45, and we will launch out of Newcastle.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have \$1891.75 in the bank, with just a few small bills pending. Henry will order the next batch of six rods for the raffle, and get a check from John.

**Greeter/Green Slip Report:** Christy got a 1.14lb SM on Lake Washington on a jig, Rodney got a 3.2lb SM on Lake Washington on a drop shot/reaper, Bill J. got a 3.2lb SM on Lake Washington on a drop shot, Larry got a 3.15lb SM on Lake Sawyer on a drop shot/robworm, Thomas got a 4lb SM on Lake Washington on a drop shot, Bob got a 4.1lb SM on Lake Washington on a jig and craw, and Dan C got big fish with a 6lb 5oz. LM on Star Lake on a jig and craw. Remember to get you're scales certified. Shirts and hats are available.

**Special Events:** There is nothing coming up until June. Daryl turned in \$253.00 to the treasurer, from the raffles.

**Entertainment:** The upcoming months we will have Russ Baker talking about Potholes, Henry Dover talking about Jig making and painting, and Than Hatch.

**Ambassador Report:** The March fish-in was at Long Lake. The water was cold, and only one Trout was caught (no Bass). We had 7 boats and 13 fishers and 2 guest. The April fish-in was on the 14th, on Lake Washington. We had 8 boats and 11 fishers. Thomas had big fish with a 4lb. SM. The next fish-in will be at Lake St. Clair, on May 5th. Details and directions are on line and in the newsletter.

**Old Business:** Jim Owens is working on getting the club a lap top for tournament use. The Member discount program from Solar Bat is available; orders with monies, will be accepted at the May Meeting. Details and order blanks are on line in the forum section.

**New Business:** Next year is the 75th anniversary of "The Western Bass Club". Larry has volunteered to head up a committee to make it a special happening. Any other volunteers or ideas are very welcome. So far they are working on a club "Tournament Shirt", an updated 75th logo, and stickers. Anyone with any ideas please talk to Larry or Phil.

May will also be the Lake Nominations day for next year's Tournaments. Please do your research and come prepared to discuss and nominate the Lakes you want to fish in 2013. They will be voted on at the June meeting and must be sent in by July 1st.

Banks Lake is full and the fish are biting, see Larry's post on the web page.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

This Month's food for thought comes from Author John Steinbeck.

*"It has always been my private conviction that any man who pits his intelligence against a fish and loses has it coming".*

## Fish-In Report

Dan Caffrey, Ambassador Director



### Lake Washington April 14 2012

8 boats and 11 members were present. Several of the boaters launched from different launches and did not show up for the lunch at Mercer. Rodney caught a couple smallies with Darryl, his big one coming in at 3-2. Thomas and Bill each caught a nice smallie, Thomas' being the big fish at 4-0. I caught 6 smallies by 10:30 am and Christy caught 1. My biggest was 3-1, with a 14lb bag. Then we fished for largies till lunch with no success. Troy also caught a couple of nice smallies, and Mark Brown got a limit out there too. I found water as warm as 55.9 degrees, and as cold as 48. In the warmer water there were schools of sticklebacks. We had fun playing with them.

I understand there wasn't anywhere to park your boats, and enjoy lunch if you launched from somewhere else. It's OK I'm just glad you were there.

Thanks. It was a fun day on the water

Dan

## 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:

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

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