



Western Bass Club
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WBC News September 2012

President's Report



Rodney Heupel, President

Hello Western Bass Club members and guests,

We just participated in the 21st annual C.A.S.T. for Kids event on Lake Washington. The Western Bass Club was well represented with the members who volunteered. There weren't enough special kids to go around. Karl provided the services of the camera boat and I took out a couple of the local high school volunteers. We all had a good time and put many smiles on the faces of the special kids. For those of you who missed this great event, mark your calendars for next year's event. It really is a special day you don't want to miss.

For those of you who missed last month's meeting, we had a good time with the skills challenge. It was also the first month of making a change to the meeting format. We are doing away with the old routine to allow more social time and the sharing of fishing knowledge. Some of the reports normally heard will now be in the Monthly Newsletter. Come on back to the monthly meetings for a good time.

Rodney Heupel
President, Western Bass Club

Meeting Minutes

Dan Mowry, Secretary

Minutes for the General Membership Meeting for August 15th, 2012.

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM.

President Rodney Heupel discussed the newsletter and asked all the members to please look at the website as there is very good information to be found there.

Special Events reports that they need more boats for the CAST event on Lake Wa. On the 8th as they are trying to get 50 kids out on the water....Western looks to have 7-8 boats present.

Ambassador Report had 5 Anglers in 3 boats for Alder Lake and fishing was tough with small fish being caught and Rodney was able to assist some Canoeist's who had flipped their canoe and also noticed they had no life vest on or available....and they wonder how people drown every year....Next Fish-In is on Lake Union on Sept. 15th. Info will be posted in the Ambassador Report and/or on the website.

A question was asked of John Greer as to why the Website was down for a time and he stated there was a glitch with the website and that it has been repaired.

No Treasurer's report as the bank info was at home.

Greeters Report has 6 green slips turned in and as follows.

Larry Sullivan 2-9 Smallmouth on Top water on Lake. Roosevelt.

Rodney Heuple caught a 3-4 largemouth on a chatter bait with a grub trailer on Ohop Lake.

Bonnie Ward caught a 3-10 Smallmouth on a Rodent while fishing Lake Washington.

Bob Cone caught a 3-12 Smally on a dropshot on Lake Washington.

Thomas Maciel caught a 4.92 Smally on a dropshot bolt grub on Lake Washington.

Dan Caffrey caught a 5.5 Largemouth on a Jig/Craw on Steel Lake.

Bonnie Ward caught a 7-8 Largemouth on a Senko on Big lake.

The Raffle was won by Daryl Snodgrass who took home a great rod!

And the Entertainment was the annual Skills Challenge and after all the dust had settled, Phil Hudgens came out on top!! Congrats go out to Phil and to Angie and Henry for setting things up!!

Old business was nominations for board positions and is as follows.

President; Rodney Heuple Vice-President and Tournament Director; Open, Secretary; Larry Sullivan if someone takes over Greeter Position, treasurer; Open, Ambassador; Dan Caffrey, and Entertainment; Open. Special Events; Daryl Snodgrass.

Nominations can be made at the next meeting. Discussions and nominations online but make sure you ask the person before nominating them to ensure they will accept. Time for folks to step up and lead YOUR CLUB into the next year.

No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 PM.

Fish-In Report

Dan Caffrey, Ambassador Director

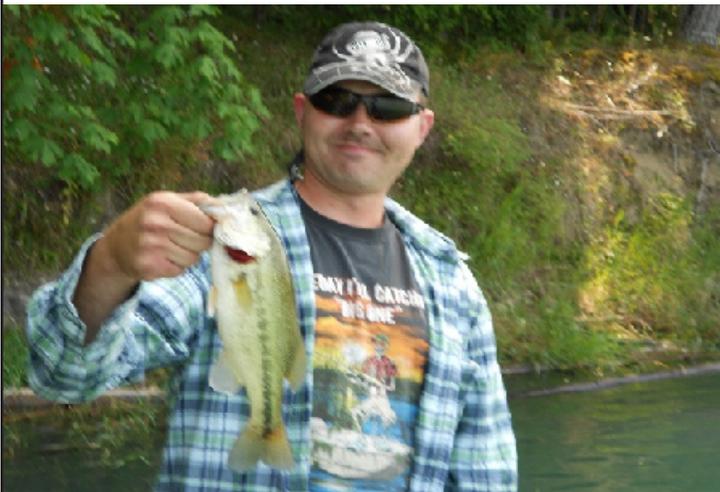


Fish In report for Alder Lake

August 11th 2012

Three boats and four members were present at the fish in. First there was Karl who went out solo, and had to leave a little early. Then there was Rodney who also went solo, and managed to catch one smallmouth that weighed about a pound. Finally, there was Jose and I. Jose caught a bunch of sculpins and perch and I only got one largemouth bass that also weighed about a pound. It was a bright, blue sky day, with water temps in the low 70s and upper 60's. The water temps here are far colder than most other lakes because it is fed by the cold Nisqually River. So all in all the bite wasn't that good, but it was such a nice day; Rodney, Jose and I all stayed and fished after the fish in anyway. See you next month at Lake Union on the 15th!

Thanx to all who attended
Dan Caffrey



The Ten Commandments of the Western Bass Club

- I. Thou shalt always practice "Catch and Release." If thou fish fry the 2 pounders thou shalt never catch an 8 pounder.
- II. Thou shalt always be prepared. You shall be responsible for your own gear, food, drinks, snacks, sunscreen and sunglasses, and lures. If thou didn't bring it don't try to use it. (Most club members will share but thou shalt not assume it.)
- III. Thou shalt always share your knowledge, techniques, and love of Bass Fishing, whenever and with whomever you can. (That's what thy Club was founded on.)
- IV. Thou shalt not share any "secret" spots that someone shows thou with anyone else. Our members spend many hours finding structure and unknown spots to find fish on. There be enough community holes to use so please respect others hard work. (If they showed it to thou, thou can return, but don't share it without permission.)
- V. Thou shalt leave all fishing waters cleaner than thou found them. If thou snag any garbage or wads of old fishing line, please dispose of them properly.
- VI. Thou shalt practice, practice, practice, all casting techniques. Underhand, overhand, pitch, flip, right handed, left handed, left and right sidearm, thou shalt never know what shall be required. If thou cannot hit the spot thou shall not catch the fish. And if thou spend all thine time pulling your lure out of that tree, thou shall NEVER/EVER catch any fish.
- VII. Thou shalt NEVER/ EVER throw across thy partner's line. Thou can lose an eye, a fishing friend and partner that way.
- VIII. Thou shalt always share the cost and cleanup with thy fishing partner. Respect their property, and keep it clean. (They don't need or want your lunch wrappers and broken plastics left on the bottom of their boat.)
- IX. Thou shalt help your Club evolve and grow. If thou have an ideas to improve any aspect of the club please bring them up and share thine thoughts. Our Club has been around since 1938, and it has changed and grown to keep up with the times. If there is something that needs an update, let's discuss it.
- X. Thou shalt give some of thine time and energy back to the club. Western Bass Club offers many opportunities and benefits to its members. Unfortunately only a small percentage, give any kind of time or effort back to the club. We have some openings for Board Members and 75th anniversary committee members coming open for the upcoming year. Thou shalt please consider giving a little time and effort back to YOUR Club.

Hey, what did you do last Saturday?

Me.....I had a great time taking out a very special young lady and her Mother on Lake Washington. The weather was wonderful. Samantha, my guest was a bit apprehensive as she had not been in a bass boat and not on such a big lake!! She kept asking about how deep the water was, fearing that we were going to sink at any minute!! Needless to say I turned off the depth finder until we arrived at our fishing location. After a slow cruise we started fishing and within 4 minutes, I tried to hand her a rod with a perch hooked up and she was very scared to touch the rod! I had reeled in the fish and showed her it was on. The next one showed up several minutes later and she started reeling 100 mph just as the camera boat showed up and we were able to get her picture taken with her fish...I wasn't sure who's smile was bigger, hers or mine!!

The rest of the day was filled with questions, songs and taunting of the very fish she seemed totally afraid of just minutes earlier. Samantha boated 4 Perch and 2 Smallmouth bass and her mom, Rochelle, caught 1 large Perch. At 11:30, she did not want to return to the launch until we talked about the waiting lunch and that she could show the other kids her fish!

It made me very proud, as it does every year, to come out for this event and even more this year as Samantha and Rochelle asked if I would take them out again next year! If you have ever thought that fishing was fun, well, you have really got to go to this event because every year I rediscover why fishing is the best entertainment to be had! See ya next year Ladies!

Larry Sullivan

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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