



# Western Bass Club

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# WBC NEWS December 2006

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## President's Line



CHUCK "THE REV"  
BAILEY  
2006 CLUB PRESIDENT

When I first began sharing a boat with other bass anglers, it was as a novice back-seater. The front of the boat naturally fell to the more experienced fisherman. *Besides it was their boat.* And yet, as experience was gained and confidence grew, I began to wonder what it would be like to take **the front of the boat**, ...to go where my instinct lead me, ...*to be the captain!* Occasionally, my partner would let me come up front and run the show while he dug through boxes looking for a misplaced secret lure – and those *rare moments* of temporary but ultimate control would only fuel a burning desire for more.

Eventually, when the planets, the pocket book, and the spouse all lined up – there came that glorious day when I got my own boat! Do you remember that day? Suddenly **the front of the boat** is now yours – forever! **You**, (the el'capitan), command the trolling motor, the speed, the direction and angle of attack. Now you had the opportunity to share what you learned with other back-seaters. Yeh, *it's good to be king!*

But as every boat owner will tell you, there comes a time when the novelty of making "all the decisions" begins to wear off. Watching the Lowrance, controlling the trolling motor, fighting the wind while retying, trying to make sure your partner gets a shot at some of the high percentage spots... oh, yeh, and you're supposed to fish too – well, at times it can be... **taxing!** You begin to remember fondly those back-seater days when *all you had to do was fish!* Then it hits you – hey, if your present back-seater is competent, **why not** give up the front of the boat? ...relax a little. Sounds good. Sounds right.

## The Front of the Boat!

For several years now I have been blessed to be the president of Western Bass Club. I was given the privilege of taking "**the front of the boat**", and along with the board, we have done our best to see the club not only floated but flourished. It's been great! I've enjoyed every minute of it! Taking *the front of the boat* was an **honor** and a **joy**. But this fall, there came that time when the idea of just being a "back-seater", (regular member), began to appeal to me again. Call it "old age", call it "maturity", call it "losing the eye of the tiger" – makes no difference; a longing to relax and "focus only on the fishing" came over me.

And what makes it so much easier in giving up "**the front of the boat**" to someone else, is knowing **WHO** that someone else is! **Doug Booth** (next year's elected president) has all the qualifications necessary to see that WBC goes where it needs to go, and continues the proud traditions of being a family-based, teaching club. Next year's board is *teeming* with talent! I'm stepping back, guilt-free – anchored in the fact that **the front of the boat** is in great and capable hands. The club is headed for another great year!

So **thank you** – for letting me take a crack at "**the front of the boat**" – it's been a blast! I have felt nothing but support from you over the years! And I will take these wonderful memories of getting to pilot "the oldest bass club in America" with me for the rest of my life! No, I'm not abandoning ship – just gonna back-seat for a while, leave the driving to someone else, and focus *strictly on the fishing!* Again, **thanks** for *time up front* – it was an honor I'll never forget!

## January 2007



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Fish-In Lake Washington
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Awards Banquet
14	15	16	17	18 General Meeting	19	20
21	22	23	24 Sportsmen's Show	25 Sportsmen's Show	26 Sportsmen's Show	27 Sportsmen's Show
28 Sportsmen's Show	29	30	31			

### Upcoming Events

- Fish-In - Lake Washington  
Saturday, January 6  
Breakfast 5:30 am  
Mercer Launch 7 am
- Awards Banquet -  
Saturday, January 13,  
6:00 pm
- General Meeting -  
Thursday, January 18,  
7:00 pm
- Sportsmen's Show -  
Wed - Sunday,  
January 24–28

## Fish-In - Lake Washington

**When:** Saturday, January 7, 2007

**Where:** Lake Washington, Mercer Launch

Meet at 5:30 am for breakfast... OR... meet at the launch at 7:00 am.

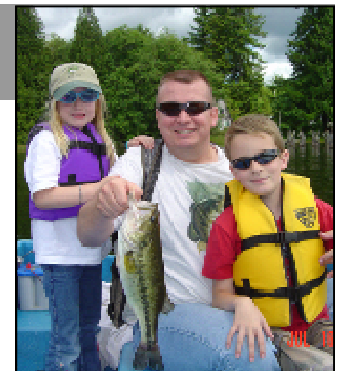
**Directions to Denny's:**

Merge onto I-405 N toward BELLEVUE/EVERETT. 5.15 mi. Take the NE 44TH ST exit, EXIT 7. 0.27 miles. Turn LEFT onto NE 44TH ST. 0.16 miles. NE 44TH ST becomes LAKE WASHINGTON BLVD N. 0.07 miles. 4750 N.E. LAKE WASHINGTON BLVD. RENTON WA 98056

**Directions to the Launch:**

From Hwy 405 take the I-90 towards Seattle . Take exit 8 (East Mercer Way) . At the intersection, turn left (south) onto E Mercer Way. Go back across I-90 and take the first left after the freeway on ramp. This will go down the hill to the launch .

**Launch fee is \$7.00**



STU KARPENKO  
2007  
AMBASSADOR  
DIRECTOR

## 2006 BOARD INFORMATION

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**SPECIAL EVENTS**

ANDREA LOGSTON (253) 847-0611

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## GENERAL MEETING INFO.

Date:	Third Thursday of each month (Except December)
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Kennydale Community Center 2424 NE 27th St. Renton, WA

Please feel free to visit the club website or contact a board member if you need directions or have any questions.

Club Homepage: [www.westernbassclub.com](http://www.westernbassclub.com)

Membership dues are \$40 after March 1st for renewing members.

Dues for new members only \$35 (year round).

**THE MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEB SITE!**

JIM RUMANN  
2006 VP/ TOURNAMENT  
DIRECTOR



## Tournament Director

Wow. What a year of great fishing. Silver Lake was a cold rainy weekend. Though it started sunny, something changed and tents were flooded. Thank goodness for warm hotels. Even though things seemed to be rough, the fish forgot to stop biting, making for happy faces. I think Carlos was the happiest with a 7.1 large-mouth.

Next up, Potholes Reservoir. With a turnout of 47 anglers, I thought there would be an eternal line at the weight-in, but with help from some of the members, things went quite smoothly. I was beginning to think strange thoughts, because Carlos came in with his second big fish.

Summer arrived and the sun graced our faces for the rest of the season, and a fun time at BBQ's and fishing was had by all. For me and my lack of sleep, it all seemed to go by very fast.

I will say a very big thank you to all who gave a hand in helping at the weigh-ins. Mike Stahlman for always helping with entering data on the laptop. To Andrea, Kendra, Shannon and little miss Hankinson for helping with smiling faces.

Speaking of smiles and BBQ, I think everyone needs to give Lyle and Andrea a big personal thank you. for all of their work on the potlucks. My mouth waters just thinking about the smells and flavors of summertime.

Well, I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays, getting rested and ready, because Spring and Summer are just around the corner. If it's anything like this year, it's GAME ON! Good times and laughter living and fishing!

TD - Jim Rumann

# Special Events



ANDREA  
LOGSTON  
2006 SPECIAL  
EVENTS



## AWARDS BANQUET

WHEN: Saturday, January 13, 2007@ 6:00 pm

WHERE: All Saints Lutheran Church  
27225 Military Rd S.,  
Federal Way, WA 98003

DIRECTIONS: From I-5, take 272nd St. exit and head East to Military Road South. The church is on the corner.

- POTLUCK DINNER -- BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH  
A fundraising raffle of new donated items - please collect as many new FISHING or OUTDOOR items as you can for donation to this raffle.
- The traditional Crankbait "tree"  
Note: crankbaits need to be new in the package .
- 2006 AWARDS presented

## CARE PACKAGES TO MARC FIELDS IN IRAQ

Thank you to those who have donated items for Marc's care packages that I have been sending to him in Iraq.

Please bring your care package items for his next box to the Awards Banquet on January 13th. I will have the box in which to deposit your items. I'm sure Marc would appreciate letters from you, as well as pictures, snack items and any other things that you think might help brighten their spirits in Iraq.

Thank you for your support!

## RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

This year we will be raffling a \$350 gift card to Auburn Sports & Marine. The raffle ticket booklets will be available at the Awards Banquet for signing out. It would be great if every member could sell at least 2 booklets as this is our main fundraiser for the year.

If you haven't gotten your books to sell and would like them previous to the awards banquet, just let me know and I'll be happy to send them out to you.

Thank you again for your support of this fundraiser.

## WASHINGTON SPORTSMEN'S SHOW

We will again be participating in the Washington Sportsmen's Show at the Western Washington Fairgrounds (Puyallup) from Wed, January 24 - Sun, January 28.

We will need volunteers to work the booth (#982) for the 5 days of the show. I will have sign up sheets at the Awards Banquet on Jan 13th. Please start checking your schedule to see when you will be able to help out in the booth. We will be looking for 2 people per time shift and I hope to have enough passes to breakdown the shifts into 2 or 3 hour shifts which may help with some of your schedules.

Here are the show hours for your reference:

Wednesday, January 24th	12:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Thursday, January 25th	12:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Friday, January 26th	12:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Saturday, January 27th	10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Sunday, January 28th	10:00AM – 4:00 PM

Please be ready to sign up for a time slot at the Awards Banquet.

Thanks for your support!

Please contact me should you have any questions regarding these WBC Special Events!

Andrea Logston – 253 847-0611

## **Outdoors Notebook - Student puts joy of fishing into action**



Nick Barr is a member of Western Bass Club. He is also President, Capital City Jr. Bass Club. His sponsors include: Outdoor Emporium, Lamiglas, McCoy, Ghost Baits, Fishhedz, Quickdrops and KGM Custom Baits

**By Mark Yuasa**  
**Seattle Times staff reporter**

Getting the youth of today involved with fishing will help set the foundation for the future of the sport.

One such program — the Kids All-American Fishing team scholarship and ambassador program — doesn't judge a kid on how good he or she is at fishing. Rather, it judges their ability to communicate their joy of fishing and the leadership they show by helping others in their communities.

Six young anglers were recently selected from more than 200 applicants to the 2006 KAAF program, including Nicholas Barr, 15, of Lacey.

Each receives a \$5,000 U.S. Savings Bond to use for education, and other prizes.

Barr, president and founder of the Timberline High School fishing club that involves 38 students, was awarded the scholarship in a ceremony held at the Lacey Wal-Mart Store last Saturday.

Barr, who is also a president of the Capital City Junior Bass Club, was recognized for his help in spearheading and implementing several lake clean-up, revegetation and enhancement projects.

"Our club does various conservation projects based on warm-water fisheries," Barr said. "One of them was a project where we planted trees and added vegetation along the shoreline of the Nisqually River. Another project was to renovate boat ramps at lakes in the Olympia area, and we plan to do some in King County."

When his clubs go on fishing outings, they make an effort to spend a couple hours doing clean-ups around the lakes, Barr said.

He has received numerous community-service awards, including the Perfect Citizen Award and Community Service Seal Award for the positive impact he has made in the Lacey-Olympia area.

He first started fishing for trout in the first grade, but that got boring, and while he lost the first big bass he hooked, that was enough to set the stage for higher achievements.

"In the summer of my sixth-grade year, I got to travel to Nashville [Tenn.] and went to see the BASS Pro Shop, and that got me really hooked," Barr said.

The person who got Barr to apply for the scholarship was his science teacher at Komachin Middle School in Lacey.

"Mrs. Leonard found the scholarship program, and thought it was perfect for me since I was involved in fishing and doing conservation projects and land leadership programs," Barr said.

In addition to the scholarship bond and trophy, each team member will travel next summer to participate in the Kids All-American Fishing Challenge and Family Fishing Festival in Tulsa, Okla.

"In the event, we will match them up with a pro angler, and they get the opportunity to take part in a friendly competition which culminates in a fishing derby," said Daniel Johnson, president of Hooked On Fishing International.

"Our main goal is to expose fishing in general as a great activity for kids and families to get involved in, and reconnect them through the sport of fishing."

And what does the future hold for Barr?

"My main goal in life is to try and go professional in bass fishing, but if that doesn't happen I'd like to have a fun job in the fishing business, like being a guide or working for a fishing manufacturer," Barr said.

Information and applications are available at [www.kids-fishing.com](http://www.kids-fishing.com). Applications will be accepted for the 2007 team in April.

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## Cumulative Points for ANGLER OF THE YEAR

2006

RANK	NAME	POINTS #1		POINTS #2		POINTS #3		POINTS #4		GROSS	DROP	TOTAL
		PLACE	POINTS	PLACE	POINTS	PLACE	POINTS	PLACE	POINTS			
1	Jim Rumann	5	80	3	90	1	101	5	80	351	80	271
2	Russ Baker	1	101	1	101			8	65	267		267
3	Larry Sullivan	7	70	8	65			1	101	236		236
4	Dave Jarrell	13	40	10	55	2	95	6	75	265	40	225
5	Mark Maderos	2	95	4	85			15	30	210		210
6	Mike Stahlman	3	90			3	90	17	20	200		200
7	Bob Payseno	28	5	17	20	4	85	3	90	195	5	195
8	Henry Dover	18	15	25	5	8	65	4	85	165	5	165
9	Carlos Trujillo	20	5	26	5	10	55	2	95	160	5	160
10	Rob Maglio	36	5	5	80			7	70	150		150
11	Ron Hankinson	8	65	7	70			18	15	150		150
12	Jack O'Day	29	5	16	25	7	70	12	45	145	5	140
13	Bob Brownlee	11	50	14	35			11	50	135		135
14	Kirk Holmes	23	5	2	95	16	25	32	5	135	5	130
15	Lyle Logston	14	35	13	40	11	50			125		125
16	Terry Steffenson	9	60	11	50					110		110
17	Bryan Hudgens	4	85							85		85
18	Jim Smith	27	5			5	80			85		85
19	Brian Walker	6	75	27	5					80		80
20	Mack Randle			6	75					75		75
21	Chris Blandi	34	5					9	60	65		65
22	Andrea Logston	41	5			9	60			65		65
23	Jose Gomez-Elegido	40	5	29	5			10	55	65		65
24	Kendra Logston			9	60					60		60
25	Mike Wolsky	10	55							55		55
26	Rocky Beeman Sr	12	45	19	10					55		55
27	Phil Hudgens	39	5	12	45			25	5	55		55
28	Mike Culver					12	45			45		45
29	Angie Dover	42	5	30	5			14	35	45		45
30	Liz Holmes					13	40			40		

## Cumulative Points for ANGLER OF THE YEAR

2006 (continued)

RANK	NAME	POINTS #1		POINTS #2		POINTS #3		POINTS #4		GROSS	DROP	TOTAL
		PLACE	POINTS	PLACE	POINTS	PLACE	POINTS	PLACE	POINTS			
31	Ray Henning							13	40	40		40
32	Nick Barr	16	25	18	15					40		40
33	Dale Culver					14	35	29	5	40		40
34	Rocky Beemen Jr	15	30							30		30
35	Chuck Pique			15	30					30		30
36	Bill Brynteson	22	5					16	25	30		30
37	Glenn May	17	20							20		20
38	Daryl Snodgrass	33	5	22	5			19	10	20		20
39	Jesse Poplawski	25	5	21	5			24	5	15		15
40	Richard Fazakerley	43	5	32	5			26	5	15		15
41	Doug Booth	35	5					20	5	10		10
42	Adam Harris	38	5					22	5	10		10
43	Larry Albert	21	5	24	5					10		10
44	Mark Fields	24	5	28	5					10		10
45	John Harris	31	5					27	5	10		10
46	Joel Booth	32	5					32	5	10		10
47	Chris Sergeant			20	5					5		5
48	Deirdre O'Day							21	5	5		5
49	Shanne Hankinson			23	5					5		5
50	Stu Karpenko							23	5	5		5
51	Steve Lewis	26	5							5		5
52	Mary Snodgrass							28	5	5		5
53	Keri May	30	5							5		5
54	Conner Hankinson							30	5	5		5
55	Bill Hill			31	5					5		5
56	Tanner Hankinson							31	5	5		5
57	Dru Randle			33	5					5		5
58	Steve Johnson	37	5							5		5
59	Andrea Logston	41								5		5
60	Megan Holmes	44	5							5		5
61	Shannon Wolsky	45	5							5		5



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**Western Bass Club News**

We're on the web at:  
[www.westernbassclub.com](http://www.westernbassclub.com)

## December Birthdays

Abbie Lease	1
Lucas Payseno	2
Jack O'Day	7
Richard Fazakerley	8
Julia Wischman	10
Norm Denton	11
Greg Pruitt	12
John Holland	13
Dalton Stevens	14
Abby Holmes	15
Zachary Green	18
Jon Claire	20
Ray Henning	24
Jacob Lease	30
Sherry Shaffer	30

### 2007 WBC Tournament Schedule

April	Silver Lake	Draw Tourney
May	Potholes Reservoir	Points #1
June	Banks	Points #2
July	Lake Roosevelt	Jack-n-Jill
Aug	Lower Columbia	Points #3
Sept	Chelan	Points #4
Oct	Lake Washington	Team Tourney



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