



Western Bass Club

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President's Line



DOUG BOOTH
2007 CLUB PRESIDENT

February is one of those months that get everyone excited about fishing. It's just after the winter passes and the daylight gets longer. I find myself digging through my loads of tackle making lists of what I want to buy. I think about what new techniques I want to try and thinking about patterns to use in the first few tournaments. I see posts on the website of member's premonitions about their outcomes in future tournaments. To coin a "Carlosism", people get a little "fish slap" happy. And to all this I say "Right on."

But this month besides all the excitement that cabin fever brings, the board and I will be proposing something that may cause a bit of controversy. It was mentioned briefly at January's meeting and now has been researched by myself and other members. I assure all our members that we are not entering into this proposal hastily and without thought.

We have a very enthusiastic member of our club that is interested in pursuing a dream that I would venture to say we all have had. He would like an opportunity to fish at one of the biggest fishing event in the world. He has such a passion for this sport that he dedicates a huge amount of his time helping "further the knowledge and joys of bass fishing, nature, and community spirit." What he would like from us is to practice what we preach.

The catch is that we may have to do something that in the past was and maybe is still too uncomfortable for us today. The goal is to get more kids/families involved in fishing by starting a junior club. This is where the politics come in. This is the introduction to the first of three different proposals.

First, having our club join the FLW federation. This would mean that a 2/3 vote of the attending members at the following meeting would make us eligible for all the benefits the FLW Federation has as well as its requirements. Each member would have to pay an additional fee for Federation dues. This would allow members to fish in Federation qualifying events as well as the opportunity to send junior anglers to fish these events.

Second, is maintaining our existing membership as an associate club and not becoming an affiliate club. Instead we start our own junior club that we can cultivate as our own. We will all have to step up and make a commitment to actively promote and support this new on-taking. Also commit to helping our existing junior members in the pursuit of their current goals whether physically or financially.

Thirdly and what I hope is not the direction we take, having at least six members form what is called a paper club. This would be a completely separate entity from WBC. It would have its own set of rules, by-laws and direction. It would be in no way connected with WBC except that it

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- If you have any ideas for articles or are interested in advertising here, please contact the editor.

Events Calendar

February 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Fish-in Sammamish
11	12	13	14	15 General Meeting	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Fish - in
Lake Sammamish
Saturday February 10th
Breakfast—Dennys Issaquah 6:00
Launch 7:30
- ◆ General Meeting
Thursday February 15th

March 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Fish-in
11	12	13	14	15 General Meeting	16	17
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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Fish - in
Long Lake (Kitsap
County)
Saturday March 10th
Breakfast—Shari's 5:30
Launch 7:00
- ◆ General Meeting
Thursday March 15th

2007 BOARD INFORMATION

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SPECIAL EVENTS

ANDREA LOGSTON 253-847-0611

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would have some mutual members. They would be willing to do what WBC can't, and support a junior club.

I honestly don't know what the best course for Western Bass Club is. Is our club ready to join with other fishermen to create a bigger influence in the state by becoming an affiliate club of FLW? Instead are we ready to take the bull by the horns and jump in with both feet and put our money and support where our mouth is (three com-

GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

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

Membership dues are \$35 per year - \$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!

plete clichés in one sentence.) Start and run our own junior club. Or are we content to stay in the status quo and hope that someone else will pick up that piece of coal and turn it into the diamond that we all cherish. Remember these young members may be the ones that take an old lifelong member fishing.

Doug

WBC Members who do not renew their memberships by March 1 will not receive mailed newsletters until their 2007 dues are received.

[See Secretary's Report on Page 7 for Membership Renewal Options](#)

Please Renew Memberships Before March 1, 2007

Fish-In Report



STU KARPENKO
2007 AMBASSADOR
DIRECTOR

The March Fish-In will be on March 10 at Long Lake in Kitsap County. It's a little on the early side for this lake, but it's getting close to time for it to wake up - and those who fished Washington and Sammamish all winter need at least a short road trip. Hope to see lots of folks there. I'll have the meat and soup there. It's a potluck, so please bring something you'd like to

share with us. We might have access to a friend of mine's dock and BBQ for float up dining. Otherwise, we'll eat in the parking lot.

We need Ambassadors to take new members out fishing this year. If you are interested in helping out this year, please contact me via the website or call me at 253-841-2183.

Stu



Chris Blandi caught a pig on this lake early last spring.

March Fish-In - Long Lake (Kitsap County)

Where: Long Lake (Kitsap County)

When: Saturday, March 10, 2007

Directions to Shari's (Meet at 5:30 AM):

Take the I-5 SOUTH exit toward TACOMA
Take exit #132 onto WA-16 WEST toward GIG HARBOR/BREMERTON - go 22.9 mi
Take ramp toward SOUTHWORTH FY - go 0.3 mi
Turn right on **SE SEDGWICK RD** - go 0.1 mi
Turn right on BRAVO TER - go < 0.1 mi
Arrive at 221 BRAVO TER, PORT ORCHARD, on the left

Directions to the Launch (Meet at 7:00 AM):

Take I-5 South to West 16 and head over the Narrows Bridge. N on SR 16, exit at Sedgwick Rd, go E 2.5 mi; R on Long Lake Rd SE; go .4 mi; R on Clover Valley Rd, go 1.1 mi. These are the directions from the Fish and game website.

When: Saturday March 10, 2007

Where: Long Lake (Kitsap County)



Remember, no one stays on the dock at a Fish-In.

Everyone floats! You don't have to pre-arrange a back seat for Fish-Ins. If you pre-arrange something with your AmbASSador, that's OK, but just because your AmbASSador can't make it doesn't mean you can't go.

THE MORE THE MERRIER!

Special Events



ANDREA LOGSTON
2007 SPECIAL EVENTS

WASHINGTON SPORTSMEN SHOW!

Thank you to all who helped at the WBC booth at the Washington Sportsmen's Show.

We were able to sell 350 raffle tickets for the fundraiser. A special thanks to Daryl Snodgrass who was our top ticket salesperson for the show. There were 200 tickets sold on Saturday alone! We handed out a lot of WBC cards with club meeting information as well as over 100 tournament schedule cards.

Thanks also to those of you who helped with set-up on Tuesday and break down on Sunday night, your help was appreciated.

RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

I will have the raffle ticket booklets at the general meeting on February 15th, if you do not have any books yet please sign some out and sell them before the March general meeting. It would be great if every member could sell at least 2 booklets as this is our main fundraiser for the year.

CARE PACKAGES TO MARC FIELDS IN IRAQ

Just a reminder to bring your care package items to the general membership meeting. I will have the box on the table in which to

deposit your items. I am 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.

Important dates to mark on your calendar:

Thursday, March 15th – Drawing for \$350 Gift Card Raffle

All ticket stubs (sold and unsold) **must** be accounted for previous to the drawing, so bring them to the March general meeting. If you lose or misplace your book of tickets, you will still be charged for those missing tickets. So keep track of them.

Saturday, June 2nd – Fishing Kids

Gene Coulon Park Renton – more details to follow

Friday & Saturday, June 1st & 2nd -

CAST for Kids Seahawks Charity Bass Tournament

Gene Coulon Park Renton – see www.castforkids.org for more information.

Thank you for your support of these events!

If you have any questions about these Special Events, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Andrea Logston 253 677 4590

Green slips



CARLOS TRUJILLO
2007 GREETER /GREEN SLIPS

It's the dead of winter and we're back from the holidays to start a new year of fishing stories (lies).

With January comes the thought of freezing your rear end off out on the lake for one or two bites. Or maybe you were out on Lake Washington and had a phenomenal day catching Smallies like it was any other month. This has been known to occur. At any rate, it is great to see you all back at the meetings with the anticipation of the coming year of fishing in our beautiful state of Washington.

This month I'm disappointed to report to you that we only had one green slip turned in. Mark Maderos has our only green slip for the month of January. After talking to Mark I gathered he was fishing the usual productive spots for this time of year. Not only was he able to land them on the Rev. Rig, that is common this time of year, but it turns out they are hitting a variety of other baits. Particularly soft plastics like craw and minnow imitators. Looking forward to talking to you all at the February meeting!

Mark took the five dollars for biggest green slip turned in this month and I have some really good news for you guys and gals that participate in the "Big Fish Kitty". *I have started collecting!* The "BIG Fish Kitty" is eight dollars and runs from March to October. We had a mix up last year and I was not able to get it going, but I am ready to take your money this year so please come on over and join in.

Also any paid member can turn in a green slip for the month as long as it was weighed on a "certified" scale. So bring your scales to the meeting and I'll get it done.

Tight lines,
Carlos

Name	Weight	Bait	Lake
Mark Maderos	3lb 6oz. SM	Rev. Rig	Washington

**Don't forget to get your scales verified!!
I will have the equipment at each meeting, so bring in your scale and get it calibrated. This must be done prior to turning in a green slip!**

2007 Banquet Pictures





Secretary

DORN BARR
2007 SECRETARY

As a relatively new member of Western Bass, I am pleased to be doing the job of Secretary for the club. My son, Nick, is the better known member of the family to the

bass fisherman, although I have caught my first 3 bass and look forward to doing more in the future.

Part of my job is to take membership applications and process that information. I would like to remind all members who have not yet paid their dues that the price goes up to \$40 next month. So, come to the meeting and get your dues in and pay \$35.

I would also like to welcome new members and those returning to the club this month. Coming all the way from Colorado is Joe Stagner, Brandon Aberle is from Everett, Dave Groebl doesn't have to drive too far since he is from Kent, Dave Hendrickson and Travis Pulst hail from Monroe, Cliff Kluppinger is from Seattle, Ray Henning is coming to us from Snohomish, Thayne Hatch is from Eatonville, and finally, not a far drive is Mike Beedle from Renton.

As, new members join I will let you know who they are. New members: Please identify yourself at the first few meetings so people can get to know you.

Membership Renewal Options

You can now renew your WBC membership by:

- Printing and mailing the renewal form available on the web site (from main page, go to MEMBERSHIP/ SIGN-UP RENEWAL)!
- Mailing the renewal form on Page 9 of this newsletter.
- In person at the General Membership Meetings. I will have the renewal forms at the February 15 General Meeting.

Memberships renewed prior to March 1 are \$35. March 1 and after, dues are \$40. Save \$5 by renewing early.

Thanks,
Dorn Barr

Tournament Report



JIM RUMANN
2007 TOURNAMENT
DIRECTOR

Here is a list of required and helpful items for the tournament season...

Required items (and I will be more thorough in my checks this year):

- Life vest... Coast Guard approved and must FIT THE WEARER!
- Alert device... air horn and or whistle.
- Fire extinguisher, (make sure it is not expired)
- Throw cushion.
- Signal flares... at least one with good expiration.
- Kill switch for motor.
- Working livewell with aerator.
- Running lights, fore and aft, or you will be last out and restricted to running at idle in darkness, but with our weather and fog... get the lights and make sure they work.
- Insurance!

Helpful items to have:

- Extra fuses for electrical breakers.
- An oar and or push-dock pole.
- First aid kit! ... with side cutting clippers to remove hooks from body parts.
- Spare prop for big motor and trolling motor.
- Prop wrench for big motor and trolling motor.
- Tool box with various tools including Allen wrenches, spare wiring and wiring connectors.
- Spare container with 2-3 qts. of marine oil if not for you, for another who forgets theirs or runs out.
- Spare set of boat keys AND Truck keys....seen too many folks throw keys to someone on the dock only to find they cannot throw!
- Battery Jumper Cables.....they make small sets to fit easily in a box.
- Extra sunglasses and sunscreen!
- A cell phone.

So now with plenty of time... get out there and find these things and maybe even trade for stuff at the tackle swap or ask a member or two where to get these things to save time.

See ya on the water!
Jim

<u>2007 Western Bass Club Tournament Schedule</u>		
APRIL 28-29	Silver Lake	Draw
MAY 19-20	Potholes	Points 1
JUNE 16-17	Banks	Points 2
JULY 28-29	Roosevelt	Jack & Jill
AUGUST 25-26	Lower Columbia	Points 3
SEPTEMBER 22-23	Chelan	Points 4
OCTOBER 13-14	Washington	Team

Insurance Forms are needed before April Draw tourney and are a good thing year round, so get me your copies soon!

Remember that you will have to sign your zebra mussels form at least one week before the tournament, or earlier if you are planning to prefish.



BILL HILL
2007 ENTERTAINMENT
DIRECTOR

First, I would like to thank Kenn Brainerd for sharing with us last month. His new KGM Custom Baits were interesting to see and learn how to use them. Thanks Kenn.

This month we have a very special guest speaker Marc Marcan-tonio. Marc will be talking to us about how to make adjustments on different bodies of water. Marc's an extremely good fisherman who has over 35 years of fishing experience. In fact he won the new boat last year in the NW tournament in Tri Cities. He also fishes the ABA circuit and placed first two years in a row.

Entertainment

Marc also writes for several bass publications like Fishing and Hunting News and Yamamoto's Inside Line.

Marc has a number of sponsors such as Basstrix, Yamamoto Custom Baits, Lucky Craft, Lamiglas Rods, McCoy Fishing Line, Quick Drops, Stratos Boats, Gamakatsu Hocks, Western Bass Tactics Hand Pours and Westernbass.com.

I know you won't want to miss Marc and his insight. He will make all of us better bass fisherman. By the way invite a friend that likes to bass fish.

Bill your 2007 Entertainment Director

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 _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ E-mail Address _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Birthday _____

List Children:

Name: _____ Birthday _____

Name: _____ Birthday _____

Name: _____ Birthday _____

PLEASE NOTE:

For renewing members, all dues paid before March 1st shall receive a five-dollar early registration discount

New members and before March 1st dues are \$35

March 1st and after dues are \$40

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 _____

Mail to: Western Bass Club
Attn.: Secretary
PO Box 58151
Renton WA, 98058



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WESTERN BASS CLUB NEWS

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February Birthdays

Dan Mowry	2	Liz Holmes	19
Semrin Gokeri	5	Dylan Centanino-Sweers	20
Kristen Hale	5	Zackery Johnson	21
Valerie Knott	6	Shanne Noble	22
Bethany Green	7	Lukas Whatley	25
Judy Gross	8	Philip Neilson, Jr	26
Curtis Ramsden	9	Carla Watts	26
Justin Kopf	11	Katie Gross	29
Isaac Greenough	12	Darrin Sanger	29
Michael Singson	14		



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