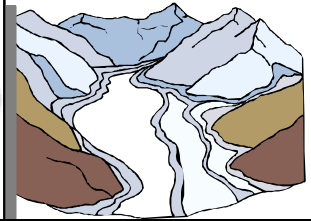




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WBC NEWS January 2005

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Chuck "the Rev"
Bailey
2005 Club President

President's Line

Fishing has never lied to me! Every time I go out, angling provides me with what it promised; a chance to unwind, fresh air, a spiritual connection to nature, the soothing sounds of water, and a chance to be energized through the mental escapism of angling that causes the world's troubles to fade away! All this results from an amazingly unpredictable contest between myself and those wily fish! It's the only addiction I know that doesn't lie.

Drugs, alcohol, over eating, and that host of other addictions also promise you the world – but they never deliver! The pleasure they first offer is replaced eventually with more pain and harm than we ever expected or can handle. These addictions are life-taking. But not so with angling!

Fishing for bass is energizing – always! Rain or shine, hot or cold, windy or still, fishing's promise to renew the soul is always fulfilled, and the results are always life-giving. Doesn't matter if the bite is on, or the day results in getting skunked, it's always good to be on the water! Angling is a healthy addiction.

The reason I bring this up is that your neighborhoods are filled with young teens who haven't experienced bass fishing yet. The only voices they hear daily on the radio or TV are the ones suggesting that partying, getting high, and blitzed out of your mind is cool. The temptation to listen to those voices may not be so great if someone were to introduce them to an alternative addiction that brings life; you need to take a teen fishing!

I guess I'm asking you to be a "bass pimp!" Why? There are many outdoor authors today suggesting that each generation of anglers is getting smaller. If it's true, someone needs to get the kids hooked on the fishing addiction! I'm challenging you to bring a teen to the next fish-in, club meeting, or weekend trip to your favorite lake.

I admit it; I'm a bass pimp! I've gotten several hooked on it so far, and I'm working on others! But it doesn't happen if you aren't INTENTIONAL about it. So find a teen, and give it a shot! Sure, you'll have to sweet talk them away from their Game Boys and computers, but once they catch the fishing fever, they'll be hooked for life. And let's face it, it's an addiction that is healthy, energizing, and life-giving!

- **Stuart & Samantha Karpenko, WBC Editors:**
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Calendar

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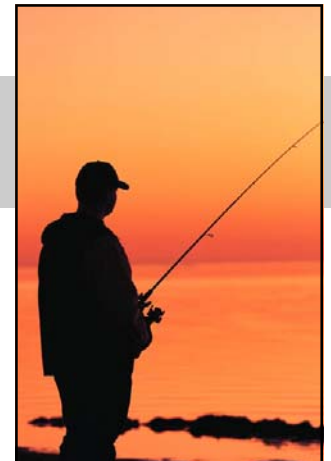
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
16 CAST @ Boat Show	17 CAST @ Boat Show	18 CAST @ Boat Show	19 CAST @ Boat Show	20 General Meeting CAST @ Boat Show	21 CAST @ Boat Show	22 CAST @ Boat Show
23 CAST @ Boat Show	24	25	26 Sportsmen's Show	27 Sportsmen's Show	28 Sportsmen's Show	29 Sportsmen's Show
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Upcoming Events

- Cast For Kids booth at the Seattle Boat show. Get in for FREE! - Thursday, January 14 - 23.
- General Meeting - Thursday, January 20.
- Sportsmen's Show - Wednesday through Saturday, January 26-30.

February 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Fish-in
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 General Meeting	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					



Upcoming Events

- Freeze-In - Saturday, February 5, Lake Washington
- General Meeting - Thursday, February 17

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SPECIAL EVENTS		
PHIL AND SUE HUDGENS	(253) 639-9428	

GENERAL MEETING INFO.

Date:	Third Thursday of each month
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

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



WBC CLASSIFIEDS

Please notify editors when you have sold your items, Thank you

Hot Tub for sale. Considered a 6 person hot tub but it is the size of an 8 person (Has a lounge along with seats). Comes with 2 pumps (not 1) and heater. Has been removed from my deck for 2+ years. Tub needs plumbing redone. Heater probably needs a new element since it has not been run in 2 years. Both pumps worked great when tub was disassembled. \$500. Contact Rick Gagliardi at coachbassdog@earthlink.net or at 253-952-8210.

If you have anything you would like to sell or want to buy, write up your ad and email it to Stu@westernbassclub.com. Don't forget to include your contact information.



Tournament Report

Larry Sullivan
2005 Tournament
Director



Hey Western....Cold Yet? Well we were not cold at the Banquet where all enjoyed good food and fellowship! Nice Job!

Since there are no tournaments to discuss, I have some house cleaning to do prior to the new season. One item is the Couples and Ladies division stats.

Now to instill more participation in this division it was decided that all four events counted towards points, so with that... here are the rankings

Couples...

- 1st. Glenn and Keri May.....376 points
- 2nd. Lyle and Andrea Logston...375 points
- 3rd. Mike and Shannon Wolski...303 points
- 4th. Pat and Mary Sotherlund...85 points
- 5th. John and Betty Boyer....80 points.



Ladies Division....

- 1st. Keri May....41.8 lbs....393 points
- 2nd. Andrea Logston....35.2 lbs....381 points
- 3rd. Shannon Wolski....30.1 lbs.....280 points
- 4th. Betty Boyer.....1.0 lbs.....85 points
- 5th Mary Sotherlund... 14 oz.80 points.



It was a very close race and I look forward to the rivalries continuing into this next season.

Reminder for all boaters! Get copies of your insurance paperwork into me before the April deadline! Hate to have to find a backseat for ya after the long drive to Silver Lake!!!

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

2005 WBC Tournament Schedule

April 23rd-24th	Silver Lake	Draw Tourney
May 21st-22nd	Potholes Reservoir	Points #1
May 28th-30th	Banks Lake	Jamboree
June 25th-26th	Riffe Lake	Points #2
July 30th -31st	Lake Roosevelt	Jack-n-Jill
August 27th-28th	Lake Chelan	Points #3
September 24th-25th	Tri Cities-Wallula	Points #4
October 1st-2nd	Lake Sammamish	Team Tourney

See ya on the water!
Larry Sullivan....T.D. / V.P.



Secretary

Stuart Karpenko
2005 Secretary

WBC Newsletters - Mail vs. On-line Version

Due to increasing costs associated with the printing and mailing of this newsletter, we are trying to reduce the number of paper-copy newsletters that are mailed out each month.

Members will be asked upon renewal of their club memberships, or in another manner, if they are willing to access the newsletter via the WBC web site instead of receiving a mailed hard copy.

Several members have already indicated that they read the newsletter on-line and that the mailed copy just gets set aside.

Members who wish to receive the newsletter by mail will continue to receive it, as usual.

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Bob "Pays2no"
Payseno
2005 Entertainment
Director



Our speaker this month is going to be Marc Marcantonio.

Marc will be talking to us about how to fish crankbaits more effectively. Marc's an extremely good fisherman who has over 35 years of bass fishing experience, which has helped him take first place the last two years in the ABA circuit.

Marc has also written several bass fishing articles for publications like Yamamoto's Inside Line, Western Bass Magazine and Fishing and Hunting News. These articles have helped many fishermen learn new techniques and gain confidence. In fact, I have included his responses to some questions that were asked of him recently in a bass magazine publication:

Best pattern on your favorite lake: Dropshotting with 1/8 oz Quick Drops dropshot sinkers and Senko's.

What are your favorite Lures/Colors: Yamamoto Senkos – Black/Blue, Lucky Craft Sammy 85 – Color: Nishiki, VPR-Pro Little Big Men Spinnerbait – 1/2 oz White/Gold Blade

Best pattern, the pattern that you feel that no one can beat you with: Deep crankbait pattern.

What makes you so good when the bite is on this pattern: I can cover a lot of water and load the boat.

Why do you catch more fish with this technique than other anglers: Understanding lure action and retrieve speed, and triggering qualities.

Favorite season to fish: Spring

Under tough conditions, what is one technique that you will use to get just one bite: Mojo rig a Magic Leach.

What is your favorite secondary pattern: Dropshotting or Pitching Senko's.

Marc's sponsors include: Basstrix, Evenrude/OMC, Flowmaster, Gamakatsu Hooks, Lamiglas Rods, Lucky Craft, Mc Coy Fishing Line, Quick Drops, Stealth Chargers, Stratos Boats, Taysys Software, Tristate Marine Idaho, Western Bass Tactics Hand Pours, Westernbass.com, Yamamoto Custom Baits.

I hope all of you will be able to attend Marc's presentation. He will definitely make you a better bass fisherman.

Special Events



RAFFLE!

PHIL and SUE HUDGENS
2005 SPECIAL EVENTS

Happy New Year!!

A very big "Thank You" goes to Terry O'Laughlin for his support of our club and giving us a booth every year.

Sportsmen's Show is coming to Puvallup!!!

January 26-30
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 12:00pm - 8:00pm
Saturday 10:00am - 8:00pm
Sunday 10:00am - 4:00pm

If you would like to work a shift let me know. You can either call me or tell me at the club meeting. The shifts will be 3-hour shifts, and if you sign up you must stay at the booth during your shift. You are welcome to come early or stay late to wander, see the show, and spend lots of money. Remember we are there to promote our club and sell raffle tickets for the G-Loomis rod and Shimano reel.

A big "Thank You" to everyone who donated to the raffle table. The prizes were great, the food was delicious, and the conversation was enjoyable. I had a lot of fun seeing everyone and meeting a lot of new people.

Special thanks to Auburn Sports and Marine and Troy Apple - you always support our club and treat us wonderfully. Thank you Larry Gonczy - you did a great job as always. Thank you to Jim Rumann and OrDella Rods for their donation of rods. Thank you to everyone else who donated also - your support is what makes this event fun.

I did not have all the names of those who donated and I would like to make sure I don't miss anyone so please let me know for the next newsletter.

I have raffle tickets for the G-Loomis Rod and Shimano Reel available to check out. If you would like some, I will have them available at the club meeting. This is our only fundraiser for the club and the money we make helps pay for newsletters, the meeting hall, and other miscellaneous things that make a club run. So please step up and help sell the tickets. They are only \$1.00 a piece, and not only can you win the G-Loomis rod and Shimano reel, but on the back of the ticket there is a coupon that allows you take a reel in to Auburn Sports and Marine have it spooled up.

Thanks,
Phil and Sue Hudgens 253-639-9428
Philandsue@aol.com

AmbASSador News

Hey clubbers, I hope people have been bearing the cold and still taking advantage of fish catching opportunities. I am taking over this program and am looking forward to some fun fish-ins this year. Jim Shaffer did a great job last year and I have some shoes to fill.

A couple changes for this year. I will only be scheduling 1 fish-in a month. I am hoping we can get more turn out this way. Also, I thought about having them the first weekend in the month since most of our tournaments are at the end of the month. This should allow several weeks before a tournament for pre-fishing. Plus, I can put the results in the newsletter for that month. I am hoping this will get the pre-fishers to more of the fish-ins.

February's fish-in will be at Lake Washington on the 5th. I know it's Lake Washington again, but some brought up good reasons as to why it's a good lake this time of year, and I agree. Remember though, I am looking for the March fish-in to be at Silver Lake. I am going out on a limb here, but am going to try to make it work. It sounded like we had enough interest for a good event.



Rob Maglio
2005 AmbASSador
Director

Next Fish-
In

Fish-In - February 5 at Lake Washington

When: Saturday, February 5th
Where: Lake Washington - Mercer Launch
Meet at Lil' Jon's, at 6:00am
OR... meet at the launch at 7:30am

Directions to Lil Jons

Lil' Jon Restaurant & Lounge
 3080 148th SE
 Bellevue, WA 98007
 (425) 746-4653
 From Hwy 405 take I-90 towards Spokane
 At exit 11A, turn RIGHT onto Ramp towards 150th Ave. S.E. / 156th Ave. S.E.
 Keep RIGHT to stay on Ramp towards 150th Ave. S.E. / S.E. 35th St.
 Turn LEFT (North) onto 150th Ave SE

Turn right onto SE Eastgate way
 Turn Left into Sunset Village parking lot Lil Jons is dead ahead

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

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.**

Greeter/Greenslips

If you're one of those anglers who have a **Berkley scale**, or any of the other models that break their pounds down into 10th's, (instead of 16ths), you might be interested in storing the following chart somewhere in your tackle box:

Berkley Scale Weight	Equivalent in Ounces	Rounded Off
.1	1.6	2
.2	3.2	3
.3	4.8	5
.4	6.4	6
.5	8.0	8
.6	9.6	10
.7	11.2	11
.8	12.8	13
.9	14.4	14

Conversion: One Tenth =1.6 OZ
Examples: a Berkley scale reading...

4.4 = 4# 6oz
 3.2 = 3# 3oz
 1.9 = 1# 14oz



Richard Loth
2005 Greeter /
Greenslips

"Gee, it looks bigger than that!"

Well maybe it's just your scale! Don't cheat yourself out of some bragging rights. In fact, why not get it checked out! After all, starting this month you'll be required to **1) get your scale certified for 2005 and 2) get the results recorded in order to have any future green slips accepted.** So...bring in your scale(s) and see the Greenslips Chairperson, Rich Loth.

Bring your scales to the February meeting!

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 _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ E-mail Address _____

Spouse: _____ Birthday _____

List Children _____ Birthday(s): _____

_____ Birthday _____

_____ 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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January Birthdays

Wanda Pickle	10
Hal Schlegel	13
John Buff	17
Nancy Fazakerley	17
Chris Sergeant	17
Eric Tanaka	19
Don Baxter	20
Bryan Hudgens	20
Rob Maglio	20
Virgil Wilbur	21
Corene Sanger	22
Bob Payseno	29
Megan Holmes	31



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