



Western Bass Club

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WBC NEWS June 2006

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CHUCK "THE REV"
BAILEY
2006 CLUB PRESIDENT

President's Line



Public domain. When a song no longer is copyrighted – it becomes public domain, and anyone can use it without seeking permission or paying a royalty. Unfortunately, fishing holes can't be copyrighted. Once discovered, it is an almost impossible mission to keep it secret. Eventually every secret spot on the lake becomes *public domain*.

When Larry Gonczy and I began fishing Lake Washington, (yes, I can remember back that far!), only a handful of bass anglers were spending any regular time there. It was big lake, 26,000 acres that intimidated most people, and after a day or two of coming up empty, they headed back to their favorite lake muttering something about **"There ain't no fish in that #@&* lake!"** Larry and I would smile, having a great fishery *almost* to ourselves.

Of course, our initial success came slowly and was hard won. *Endless hours* were spent fishing empty water until we stumbled across a place here and there that began to produce smallies on a consistent basis. These spots were analyzed and dissected until the components that made them so unique were finally understood. Then duplicate spots were sought out. The last thing we ever wanted was for these *precious spots* to become public domain.

After countless days, months, and years spent in the rain, cold, or blazing sun finding the precious locations, inevitably some "rookie" in the club would come up and ask, **"Hey, I've fished Lake Washington 3 times now and can't come up with a fish. How about showing me a few places on the map so I can catch something, what do ya say?"** In disbelief, I would treat that question as if he had asked, **"How about sharing your wife with me, huh?" NO WAY!**

"Well, here's what I will do," I used to tell those naïve but inquiring minds, **"I'll tell you the baits, techniques, depths, and what equipment I'm using, but you will have to find your own 'Sweet spots.'"** I think that's fair and generous. I fish Lake Washington an average of **60 days** a year, usually from sun up to sundown. So let's be conservative and say that's **14 hours** a day. Total = **840 hours** per year! Rack that up over **17 years**: new total = **14,280 hours!** Divide by **24 hours** and you get **597 full days** spent on the water. That's **1.63 years** on that body of water! And the rookie wants me to just hand those hard won spots to him because he spent 3 partial days fishing Lake Washington and couldn't catch a fish? *I don't think so!*

Events Calendar

June 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
11	12	13	14	15 General Meeting	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Chelan Tourney
25 Chelan Tourney	26	27	28	29	30	

July 2006

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

Upcoming Events

- General Meeting - Thursday, June 15 - 7:00 pm
- Chelan Tourney - June 24 - 25



Here's Dave's big fish from Chelan last year - can you beat it?

Upcoming Events

- Fish-In— Lake Washington - Saturday, July 1
- General Meeting - Thursday, July 20 - 7:00 pm
- Jack & Jill Tourney - July 29–30, Lake Roosevelt

2006 BOARD INFORMATION

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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

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!

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Nowadays, I'm a little more generous, (just a little), but **only** because so many of our spots have become "**public domain**". That happens when your partner decides to enter a tournament and sits the whole day on the secret "**gravel bar**." Every boat that went up and down the lake that day saw Larry parked there, and when he brought in the winning stringer of fish – it became **public domain!** (Fishing tournaments and secret spot are not compatible!) Since then, I've never seen a day when there weren't at least a boat or two on that spot – and one weekend I saw 6! If there's a bass fisherman in Washington that doesn't know about the gravel bar... they just moved here!

Over the years we discovered that when it comes to "secret spots" – **it won't stay a secret long!** I got a call one day from a member of WBC who asked, "Hey Chuck, I have a friend who is working construction on Mercer Island, and he said he watched a guy in a Lund pull bass after bass from out in front of the _____ (color) house. He described the fisherman and it was you, no doubt! So what's there that bass are relating to?" **Spies!** The whole shoreline is filled with spies!

One member, knowing I fish every Monday, watches for my boat from highway 405 or I-90. (Can't blame him, I would too!) Then he remembers the location and checks it out later! I was bemoaning this fact to another regular on the lake a while back, (I'll simply call him Harvey), and he put it this way: "**Chuck, all secret spots eventually become public domain. The trick is to keep finding new ones. That's the only way to stay ahead of the game!**" He's right, of course.

So today I spend some part of every fishing day, checking out **unlikely** spots, just in case another rare "**gravel bar**" should be discovered. With the ever expanding numbers of anglers, who are **better educated** through seminars, magazines, and books, and **better equipped** with underwater cameras, etc..., well, it's getting harder and harder to find a secret "sweet spot" on the lake. Suddenly, 26,000 acres doesn't look as big as it used to! So if you have one – a private "honey hole" – **enjoy it while you can!** But keep on searching for the next one – don't get comfy! Inevitably, it too will become "**public domain!**"



ANDREA LOGSTON
2006 SPECIAL EVENTS

Special Events

Fishing Kids - Saturday, June 3rd

Here's another big **THANK YOU** to all those that were able to help with this fun fishing event. Sounds like everyone had a great time!

On Friday night, Glenn & Keri May and Jim Smith helped with the rigging of rods for the 800 kids that were expected to show on Saturday.

On Saturday we had a great group come to help with the fishing part of the event which included:

- Stuart & Ryan Karpenko
- Doug & Caleb Booth
- Phil, Matt & Nicole Hudgens
- Jim Rumann
- Glenn May
- Larry Sullivan
- Chuck Bailey
- Richard Fazakerly

Thank you again for your great support!

CAST for Kids - Saturday, September 9th **Mark your calendar!**

Need volunteers to **bring their boats**. More details of this program to follow!

Thank you for your support,
Andrea Logston (253 847-0611)

Special Events

Habitat Cages at MarDon's May 22nd

Here's a big **THANK YOU** to those that helped with the Habitat Cages.

We had a crew of 12 Adults and 4 active boys to help with the building of the Habitat Cages at MarDon's and were able to make a dent into the pile of PVC piping and plastic netting.

We had some master builders with the PVC framework --Jim R, Lyle, Bill B, Larry S (they also luv'd the smell of the glue!) and then the rest of us went to work wrapping & zip tying plastic netting and "butterflies" within the frame work.

Here was our crew:

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Larry Sullivan | Mack Randle |
| Bill Brynteson | Miranda Randle |
| Jim Rumann | Dru Randle |
| Lyle Logston | Lil Mack Randle |
| Brock Logston | Jadin Randle |
| Adam Harris | Phil Hudgens |
| John Harris | Bryan Hudgens |
| Gillian Harris | and myself. |

Entertainment News

MIKE WOLSKY AND BILL HILL
2006 ENTERTAINMENT DIRECTORS



Hello all,

First, I would like to put out a thank you for last month's speaker, D.J. LaRoche. For those that missed it, he owns West Coast Custom Tackle and brought a wide variety of his custom hand poured baits. All would agree that they looked great. He offers a little of everything from jig trailers to small leach and drop shot baits. Personally, I am very impressed with his product and have had good luck with some of the stuff I picked up. Take a look for yourself on his website: westcoastcustomtackle.com, or at some of the local sporting good stores. I would also like to thank D.J. for the generous donations to the raffle.

This month's entertainment will be the WBC Survival Challenge. For those that have not participated in this "experience", don't miss it. Bring your best skills and be ready to compete. It will be a great time.

Just keep casting,

Mike Wolsky



Ambassador Report

WOW!!! It's June already! For those of you who don't get out much, that means it's the time to hook up with some heavy fish!! Speaking of which, July's Fish-In will be on Lake Washington on the 1st. It will be a great time to chase post spawn bass, top water, jerk baits as well as all the plastics we slow our boats with!

For those of you that made the Jamboree, man what a blast!! For those who didn't, you missed out. There were ALOT of limits caught, and very few "casualties."

And thanks again to Mark F. and Harley D. for the help over the week-end.

Until the Meeting, tight lines and see you on the water!!

The Weedwalker

BRIAN WALKER

2006

AMBASSADOR

DIRECTOR



July Fish-In - Lake Washington

Where: Lake Washington - Mercer Launch

When: Saturday, July 1, 2006

Breakfast: Meet at Lil' Jon's, at 5:00 am

OR... meet at the launch at 6:00 am

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

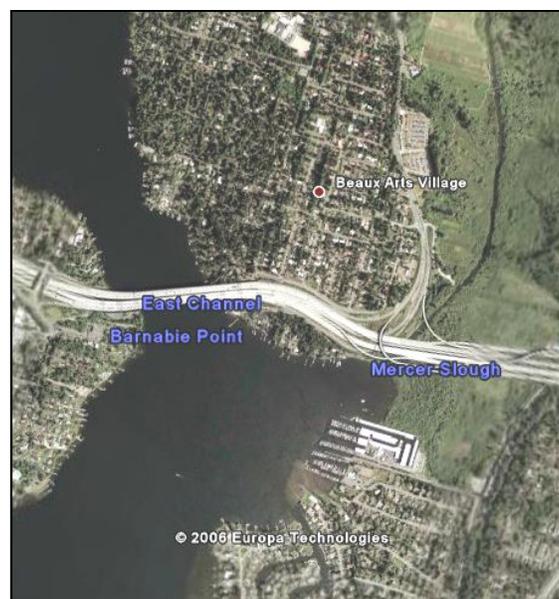
Take exit 8 (East Mercer Way)

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!**



CARLOS TRUJILLO
2006 GREETER
/GREENSLIPS

**APRIL
GREENSLIPS**

WOW! What a month for greenslips. We have quite a few. Silver Lake and Potholes never seems to disappoint this time of year do they? Brian Walker came thru with an absolute HAWG this month. He caught a huge 8# 1oz. largemouth pre-fishing for the Silver Lake Draw tournament. Several nice fish were turned in and also a couple of new personal bests. Great job, Western. I look forward to checking out how everyone did in the "Dunes" this month.

Name	Weight	Bait	Lake
Brian Walker	8# 1oz. LM	Centipede	Silver
Carlos Trujillo	7# 1oz. LM	Pig & Jig	Silver
Chris Blandi	6# 7oz. LM	Jig & Craw	Long (Kitsap Co.)
Mike Wolsky	5# 12oz. SM	Drop Shot	Washington
Russ Baker	5# 2oz. LM	Pig & Jig	Potholes
Bryan Hudgens	5# 0oz. LM	Brush Hog	Potholes
Phil Hudgens	4# 3oz. LM	Senko	Silver
Jim Rumann	4# 0oz. SM	Senko	Potholes
Nick Barr	3# 10oz. LM	Jig	Silver
John Harris	3# 8oz. LM	Senko	Potholes
Nick Culver	3# 4oz. SM	Crankbait	Soda

Brian Walker took both the club "Big Fish" money (\$5) for the biggest fish turned in on a green slip and the "Big Fish Kitty". Great job Brian. You had to break the 8lb mark when I get my 7lb.

Each month the club gives \$5 to the member for the biggest bass turned in on a greenslip. I have started collecting for the "Big Fish Kitty", so don't forget to come and enter. There are 5 months left and you must be entered the prior month to be eligible to win.

Also, any paid member can turn in a bass for the month as long as it was weighed on "certified" scales. So bring your scales to the meeting and come by my table so we can take care of the technicalities.

Tight lines,
Carlos

**You might be in the Western
Bass club if...**

- 1) You have a power worm dangling from your rear view mirror because you think it makes a good air freshener.
- 2) Your wedding party had to tie tin cans to the back of your bass boat.
- 3) You call your boat "sweetheart" and your wife "skeeter".
- 4) Your local tackle shop has your credit card number on file.
- 5) You keep a flippin stick by your favorite chair to change the TV channels with.
- 6) You name your black lab "Mercury" and your cat "Evenrude".
- 7) Bass Pro Shop has a private line just for you.
- 8) You have your name painted on a parking space at the launch ramp.
- 9) You have a photo of your 10 lb. bass on your desk at work instead of your family.
- 10) You consider viennies and crackers a complete meal.
- 11) You think MEGABYTES means a great day fishing.
- 12) You send your kid off to the first day of school with his shoes tied in a Palomar knot.
- 13) You think there are four seasons--Pre-spawn, Spawn, Post Spawn and Hunting.
- 14) Your \$30,000 bass boat's trailer needs new tires so you just "borrow" the ones off your house.
- 15) You trade your wife's van for a smaller vehicle so your bass boat will fit in the garage.
- 16) Your kids know it's Saturday---Because the boats gone,

Don't forget to get your scales verified. We will have the equipment at each meeting, so bring in your scale and get weighed. This must be done prior to turning in a greenslip!



JIM RUMANN
2006 VP/ TOURNAMENT
DIRECTOR

Tournament Director

Chelan Tournament June 24-25

Potholes Tournament

Great Job by everyone! 45 anglers, 361 Fish caught!

- 1st Place – Russ Baker
- 2nd Place – Mark Maderos
- 3rd Place – Mike Stahlman
- Big Fish – Carlos Trujillo

(See full results on page 8)

Looking forward to a great turnout for the Chelan Tourney. Should be a good time to be had by all. Hopefully the winds will be tempered.

Camping at **Kamei Campground & RV Park** – please call to put your name on one of the sites reserved for WBC.

Kamei Campground & RV Park**
5000 Wapato Lake Rd
Manson, WA 98831
(509) 687-3690

**** (Directions to campground are the same as to the launch, as below, except at the end you turn right and go on the road past the casino instead of turning left off of Hwy 150 - follow to campground)**

Drivers meeting - 6:00AM **Old Mill Park** launch on Saturday, June 24th.

OLD MILL PARK

Location: 2 miles east of Manson, Highway 150. 4-lane boat launch, short-term moorage, picnic area, restrooms, marine dump station, boat trailer parking. 20 acres. Managing agency: Manson Park and Recreation District. [Manson Parks@manson.org](mailto:Manson_Parks@manson.org)
PO Box 590, Manson, WA 98831, (509) 687-9635

DRIVING DIRECTIONS to launch

From the Seattle area: Traveling on I-90, take second Cle Elum exit (Exit 85). At stop sign take a left and cross over freeway and take a right and head to Wenatchee via Hwy 97/Blewett Pass. At end of pass, take a free right at the stop sign onto Hwy 2/97 to Wenatchee. Take first Wenatchee exit, go under overpass and get into right lane. Go thru light and take first exit. At stop sign, take a left onto Hwy 97A. Once into Chelan follow Hwy 150 through town and head northwest approximately 6 miles to Mill Rd., turn left into Old Mill Park.

Please contact me, should you have any questions regarding this tournament information.

Jim Rumann
VP / Tournament Director (253) 740-8013



1st Place
Russ Baker



2nd Place
Mark Maderos



3rd Place
Mike Stahlman

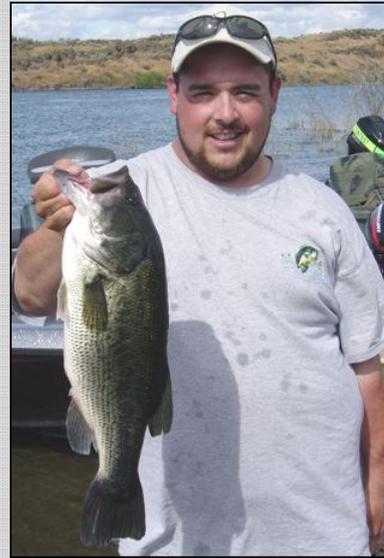


Big Fish (5.8 lbs)
Carlos Trujillo

POTHOLES TOURNNEY RESULTS

Place	Standings	lbs ozs	Total Weight
1	Russ Baker	28lbs 01ozs	28.0625
2	Mark Maderos	27lbs 13ozs	27.8125
3	Mike Stahlman	27lbs 02ozs	27.125
4	Bryan Hudgens	25lbs 08ozs	25.5
5	Jim Rumann	25lbs 03ozs	25.1875
6	Brian Walker	23lbs 14ozs	23.875
7	Larry Sullivan	23lbs 11ozs	23.6875
8	Ron Hankinson	22lbs 03ozs	22.1875
9	Terry Steffenson	21lbs 13ozs	21.8125
10	Mike Wolsky	21lbs 12ozs	21.75
11	Bob Brownlee	21lbs 06ozs	21.375
12	Rocky Beeman Sr.	21lbs 01ozs	21.0625
13	Dave Jarrell	20lbs 08ozs	20.5
14	Lyle Logston	20lbs 05ozs	20.3125
15	Rocky Beeman Jr.	20lbs 02ozs	20.125
16	Nick Barr	19lbs 14ozs	19.875
17	Glenn May	19lbs 14ozs	19.875
18	Henry Dover	19lbs 12ozs	19.75
19	Mack Randle	19lbs 09ozs	19.5625
20	Carlos Trujillo	19lbs 05ozs	19.3125
21	Larry Albert	18lbs 15ozs	18.9375
22	Bill Brynteson	17lbs 13ozs	17.8125
23	Kirk Holmes	16lbs 06ozs	16.375
24	Mark Fields	15lbs 15ozs	15.9375
25	Jesse Poplawski	15lbs 15ozs	15.9375
26	Steve Lewis	15lbs 10ozs	15.625
27	Jim Smith	14lbs 15ozs	14.9375
28	Bob Payseno	14lbs 06ozs	14.375
29	Jack O' Day	14lbs 06ozs	14.375
30	Keri May	14lbs 02ozs	14.125
31	John Harris	14lbs 01ozs	14.0625
32	Joel Booth	11lbs 15ozs	11.9375
33	Daryl Snodgrass	11lbs 10ozs	11.625
34	Chris Blandi	10lbs 15ozs	10.9375
35	Doug Booth	10lbs 06ozs	10.375
36	Rob Maglio	10lbs 00ozs	10
37	Steve Johnson	9lbs 06ozs	9.375
38	Adam Harris	9lbs 04ozs	9.25
39	Phil Hudgens	9lbs 03ozs	9.1875
40	Jose Gomez-Elegido	7lbs 10ozs	7.625
41	Andrea Logston	5lbs 13ozs	5.8125
42	Angie Dover	5lbs 11ozs	5.6875
43	Richard Fazakerly	5lbs 03ozs	5.1875
44	Megan Holmes	5lbs 01ozs	5.0625
45	Shannon Wolsky	4lbs 07ozs	4.4375
	Smallmouth	235	
	Largemouth	126	
	Total Fish	361	
	Total Weight	635 lbs	
	Big Fish	5.8lbs Largemouth	Carlos Trujillo

Potholes Tourney and Habitat Project Pics



Carlos Trujillo and his 2nd tourney Big Fish in a row - 5 lbs 8 oz.



The Redhead Comedy Tour stops in at Potholes



The Harris family working at MarDon's fish habitat project.



Bill, Larry and Lyle building cages at MarDon's.

WBC Pics



**Les Pickle's Grand Slam
qualifying Crappie
- 2.04 lb**



**Rob Maglio's Grand Slam
qualifying Walleye
- 6 lbs 4 oz.**



**Kendra Logston with a
largemouth at Alder Lake**

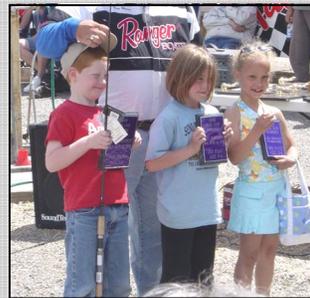


**Mike Stahlman
pre-fishing at Potholes**



**A happy Carlos Trujillo
pre-fishing at Potholes**

Jamboree Pics



**Brock accepting his
trophy for 1st Place in
his age group at the
Jamboree.**



**Part of Brock's
winning bag.**



**Nick Barr with a couple of nice smallies at the
Jamboree**



Nick Barr and Brian Walker at the Jamboree.



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Western Bass Club News

We're on the web at:
www.westernbassclub.com

June Birthdays

Charlotte Bailey	1	Terry Steffensen	14		
Bryce Davidson	1	Mike Stahlman	15		
Landy Green	3	Judy Hedges	16		
Cliff Kuppinger	7	Maryann Streater	16		
Carmen Wischman	8	Angela Choate	18		
Tyler Jewett	9	Ron Hankinson	20		
Mckenna Johnson	9	Chrystal Steffensen	20	Spencer Choate	28
David Hendrickson	11	Kathryn Karpenko	22	Merry Larsen	28
Noah Henning	11	Rebecca Graham	23	Chuck Bailey	29
Kyle Lease	12	Rick Gagliardi	25	Jessica Maderos	29
Diane Mowry	13	Reece Lynn Poplawski	26	Jesse Poplawski	29
Mary Sotherlund	13	Lori Wells	27	Les Pickle	30



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2006 Western Bass Club Tournament Schedule

June	Lake Chelan	June 24 - 25
July	Jack & Jill - ROOSEVELT	July 29 - 30
August	Long Lake-Spokane	August 26 - 27
Sept.	Moses Lake	September 23 - 24
October	Lake Sammamish Team	October 14 - 15