



# Western Bass Club

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## WBC NEWS March 2007

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DOUG BOOTH  
2007 CLUB PRESIDENT

### President's Line

March is here. The water is starting to warm. The landscape is starting to change before our eyes.

Speaking of change, as some of you are aware of the board has changed its collective "mind" and decided to withdraw the proposed amendment that would in effect decide whether our club should become a federation affiliate or not. Instead we are regrouping to propose a new amendment that would start a junior club only. The importance to pursue a dream of youth fishing was getting too bogged down with the bureaucracy of politics. As I saw it everyone was supportive of a junior club and divided by the federation issue. While it was a great way to increase the atten-

dance at our next meeting it was destined to be a continued source of controversy. Instead we decided that all these energies would best be served in promoting a top notch junior club. One I hope will be the envy of clubs throughout the nation.

On a slightly different note I hope we all can support Nick Barr as he pursues one of his many goals in fishing the state qualifier. I know both he and his parents would really appreciate any and all types of support each of you can give. He is a great ambassador of Western Bass Club and I know I speak for the entire club when I say that we wish him the best at the FLW qualifier.

Thanks to everyone that voiced their opinions at the last meeting and I hope to see all of your back and more at the next meeting. Remember to sell all your raffle tickets and bring the money and stubs to the meeting.

Doug

### Secretary

DORN BARR  
2007 SECRETARY

Welcome to the month where all boaters are canvassing their vessels to make sure

they are ready for tournament season: safety equipment, flares, etc... and then it's time to reorganize the tackle bags and purchase any of those favorite lures used in the past to score the big fish! Even when you are not fishing, you are working on getting ready to fish. I can't think of a month at our house that there wasn't something going on that had to do with fishing!

Welcome to those people who are new to the club, or are returning after being gone for awhile. Be sure and let people know at the meeting you are new and ready to fish. We would like to welcome new members to our club.

Joining us from Enumclaw are DJ and Traci LaRouche and their children, Sydni and Tristan. Coming to us from Black Diamond are Matt and Melody Herrera.

Thayne and Tammie Hatch, along with their girls Breanna and Emmalie hail from (Continues on Page 3)

José Gómez-Elegido  
WBC Editor  
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- Western Bass Club News is published monthly for the membership of Western Bass Club. If you have any ideas for articles or are interested in advertising here, please contact the editor.

# Events Calendar

## March 2007

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

**Upcoming Events**

♦ Fish - in  
 Long Lake (Kitsap County)  
 Saturday, March 10  
 Breakfast—Shari's 5:30  
 Launch 7:00

♦ General Meeting  
 Thursday, March 15  
 7:00 pm

## April 2007

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

**Upcoming Events**

♦ Fish - In  
 Black Lake (Thurston County)  
 Saturday, April 14  
 Breakfast—Denny's 5:00  
 Launch 6:30

♦ General Meeting  
 Thursday, April 19  
 7:00 pm

♦ Draw Tourney  
 Silver Lake  
 April 28-29.

**2007 BOARD INFORMATION**

**GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION**

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<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b>	
ANDREA LOGSTON	253-847-0611

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 \$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!**

*(Continued from Page 1)* Eatonville. Larry Albert lives in the Greek fishing village of Bothell. John Greer and his wife, Pam and daughter, Rebecca are from SeaTac.

John Werner joins us from Lakewood (always like to see those folks who come from the south like us, joining the club). Living in the shadow of Mt. Rainier are Alex and Breanna Whitehouse and their son, Owen. Bryan Olson makes three that hail from Monroe.

And, finally Troy Kelly who comes from Puyallup, or as my mom said when we first moved here 50 years ago: Pullimupum (she's English and Indian names were not her strong suit).

If I have missed putting you in the mailing list for the newsletter, please let me know at the next meeting.

I would like to remind all members who have not yet

paid their dues that the price has gone up to \$40 this month. Remember that 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 March 15 General Meeting.

Signing off,  
Dorn Barr

**WBC Members who have not renewed their memberships by March 1 will not receive mailed newsletters until their 2007 dues are received**

# Fish-In Report



STU KARPENKO  
2007 AMBASSADOR  
DIRECTOR

The February 10th Fish-In at Sammamish was great. The fish-ing was not.

José had big fish with a 2.2 smallie caught in 55 feet. He had another smallie in about the same depth, but it was a little smaller than the first one. He also caught a trout.

The weather was beautiful. Not sure what the actual temp was, but it was comfortable and sunny on the water and at the lunch potluck it felt like it was in the low 60s. We had two new members there. Dave, has his own boat and took José in his backseat. José obviously put him on fish, now we need to get them on Dave's line.

John, who posts on the site as Bassaholic, fished with Chris B. We all got a chance to meet these guys and we were glad to have them join us.

Thanks to everyone who came out: Glenn and Keri, Faz, José, Jim R., Henry and Angie, Jack, Chris B, Nick, Ernest, Bob P., Brian and Bree, Jim S. and his son, Ron, Phil and Russ.



The March 10 Fish-In will be at Long Lake (Kitsap). See the February newsletter or the website for details.

## April Fish-In - Black Lake (Thurston County)

The April Fish-In will be at Black Lake (Thurston County) on Saturday, April 14. This lake has largemouth and smallmouth bass and is generally thought to be a good Spring lake. This one is sandwiched between Easter weekend and the Potholes open. Hope to see everyone there.

### Ambassadors Needed

We need Ambassadors to take new members out fishing. Please contact me if you want to participate in the Ambassador Program.

**Meet at 5:00 am at Denny's for breakfast.**

**OR... meet at the launch at 6:30 am**

### **April 14 Fish-In – Black Lake (Thurston)**

**When: Saturday, April 14th**

**Where: Black Lake**

### **Directions to Denny's:**

4601 MARTIN WAY SE

LACEY, WA 98503

360-438-0220

1. Merge onto I-5 S.
- 2: Take the MARTIN WAY exit, exit number 109, towards SLEATER-KINNEY RD. N.
- 3: Turn RIGHT onto MARTIN WAY E.

### **Directions to Launch:**

From Olympia-Seattle, I-5 S Exit 102 (Trospen Rd., Black Lake); 3 mi W on Trospen Rd.; 2 mi S on Black Lake-Belemore Rd.; W on 61st for .3 mi; S on Fairview Rd for .4 mi.

**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

### RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

**Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – Drawing for \$350 Gift Card Raffle!**

Bring all ticket stubs (sold & unsold) to the March general Meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>. They all **must** be ac-

counted for previous to the drawing. If you lose or misplace your book of tickets, you will still be charged for those missing tickets. So keep track of them.

### 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'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.

### IMPORTANT DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR:

**Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Fishing Kids**

Gene Coulon Park Renton – more details to follow

### Friday & Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> - CAST for Kids Seahawks Charity Bass Tournament

Gene Coulon Park Renton – see [www.castforkids.org](http://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

Hello Western! Spring will be here soon so get out on the water and catch some fish!

I will not be at the next meeting so you will have the pleasure of dealing with my good friend Nick Barr. I'll be in Mexico! He will be able to handle all of your green slip needs.

Mark Maderos was the lucky green slip man this month with a nice Smallmouth out of Washington. Great job again Mark! Well good luck and be safe out there.

Mark took the five dollars for biggest green slip turned in this month (again) and I have some really good news for you guys and gals that participate in the "Big Fish Kitty".

**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!**

Name	Weight	Bait	Lake
Mark Maderos	4# 3oz. SM	Lead Head	Washington
Carlos Trujillo	3# 6oz. SM	Tube	Washington
Bill Hill	3# 5oz. SM	Hula Grub	Washington
Doug Booth	2# 2oz. SM	Rev Rig	Washington
José Gómez-Elegido	2# 2oz. SM	Finesse Worm	Sammamish

*I have started collecting!* So far six people have signed up!

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'm 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

# Tournament Report



**JIM RUMANN**  
2007 TOURNAMENT  
DIRECTOR

R U Ready?  
I don't know about you, but I'm ready for Spring. Warmer skies, please! Driving down the lake looking like the *Stay Puft Marshmallow Man* is no fun. I know some of you are saying put some extra clothes on it's the chill factor, you have to try it.

Tournaments are just around the corner, are you making your plans yet? Last minute is never easy. Silver lake is coming up really quick and I hope to see you there. The club is going to be staying at Silver Lake Resort (<http://silverlake-resort.com/Home.html>). There are hotel, RV, tent, and cabin sites. The new owners are in the process of many new upgrades, starting with the hotel; new mattresses with new wood and carpet flooring. Winter prices are still available. By next year they plan to have TVs in the cabins.

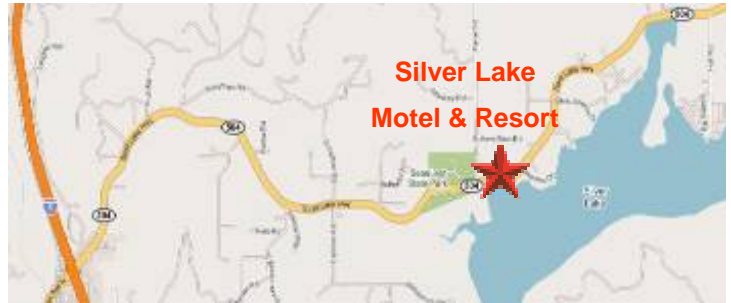
The tournament is a draw tournament. Back-seaters will be changing boats the second day, much like BASS or FLW tournaments. A great way to learn new styles or techniques. There should be plenty of fish for everyone. Carlos, your big fish is going down!

Back-seaters, if you have your own life vest,

bring it for your own comfort. Try to limit your gear, it makes for greater ease in moving from boat to boat, and for more room to move on the deck.

Boaters will be trying to provide space for your gear. If there is any question, ask, do not assume.

Directions to the campground (3201 Spirit Lake Hwy, Silver Lake, WA 98645):



Go south on I-5, take exit 49, go East (left) until you see a big puddle on your right. The resort will be on your right, half way up the lake (six miles from I-5).

If you are still uncertain, give a call to those that are going. May be you can arrange a ride, or hook up with someone else. Just because you may be in a different boat, does not mean that you cannot share a ride down and save on expenses.

Hope to see you there,

VP Jim Rumman, Tournament Director

## 2007 Western Bass Club Tournament Schedule

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

I want to thank Marc Marcantonio for sharing some great insight on "How to make the right adjustments" and encouraging us to Prepare by keeping a Fishing Log.

Thanks Marc for taking the time to be with us.

This month we are honored to have Bonnie Ward come and speak to our club. Last year Bonnie won the first Women's Bassmaster Tourney Co-Angler of the Year Award. Bonnie has been fishing for more than 20 years and has a vast amount of fishing knowledge and skill.

Bass hosted five fishing events for women last

## Entertainment

year and about 200 anglers participated. Bonnie won the inaugural season opening event on Lake Neely Henry in Gadsden Ala in April and received a Triton Boat powered by a Mercury motor. And in the final event of the year Bonnie finished second. Read about her on the Seattle Times: <http://archives.seattletimes.nwsourc.com/cgi-bin/texis.cgi/web/vortex/display?slug=outn29&date=20061029>

Bonnie has just returned from the Women's Bassmaster Tour Championship in Birmingham Ala Feb 22-23 where she finished 9<sup>th</sup>. Bonnie will be talking to us about her experiences on the Professional Tours and the techniques she uses. Also how she prepares for each tournament.

Look forward to seeing all of you March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Your Entertainment Director, Bill

# 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 as applicable)

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**

**We're on the web at:**

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

### March Birthdays

John Birkett	1	Brandon Lease	13
Travis Buff	1	Bob Jewett	15
Kiwi Davidson	1	Sheryl Johnson	15
Tate Jarrell	1	Ryan Karpenko	15
Matthew Emrich	3	Troy Kelly	17
Brent Cooley	7	Mackenzie Mowry	20
Skyla Ramsden	7	Miriam Gómez-Elegido	24
Trent Whatley	8	Jeff Schroeder	24
Chuck Pigue	9	Mike Culver	25
Andy Gross	11	Reagan Sergeant	25
Keri May	11	Lisa Whatley	26
Caner Gokeri	12	Steve Johnson	28
Harvey Musselman	12	Nathan Ramsden	28
		Danny Skirde	28
		Alper Gokeri	29
		April Tanaka	31



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