



Western Bass Club

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WBC NEWS May 2006

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CHUCK "THE REV"
BAILEY
2006 CLUB PRESIDENT

President's Line

"Catch and Release" – the more contact I have with the rest of the world, the more I suspect that this concept belongs primarily to those living in well-to-do cultures. This past weekend I went to the wedding of a Tanzanian brother, (back in Washington DC), and while there, I talked with many people from a host of East African countries. When hobbies were discussed, and I mentioned fishing, everyone began to discuss how they preferred their fish cooked. When my family shared that I **"released"** all my fish, the silence that followed was made more uncomfortable by the blank stares of disbelief.

I have *endured* that stare before when I have shared "catch-n-release" with other recent immigrants from Korea, India, Russia, and South America. Any of them who have ever been hungry, or who have struggled to provide for their family, have a hard time understanding why I would *catch lunch*, only to let it go again. A recent discussion with a Latino friend made me feel like I had broken some 11th commandment: **"Thou shall not receive sustenance from God's lakes without having a great shore lunch afterwards!"**

Yes, yes – I know all about managing fish resources, maintaining ecological balances, etc. - don't start *defending* Catch-n-release; you'd be preaching to the choir! All I'm saying is that we are pretty **spoiled** when we **CAN** pay more attention to fish populations than to the growling in our bellies. (In fact, looking at the expanding bellies of the guys in our club – it easy to see that there hasn't been a lot of "stomach growling" going on in a long time!)



Let's face it; some of us spend more money on our sport every year than most people in 3rd world countries exist on. No, I'm not trying to make you feel guilty, nor am I about to hit you up to support starving children around the world. (*Though that's not a bad idea.*) My real intention is to help you think about how **blessed** you are - to be able to fish for the **pure enjoyment of it all!** (Even our American forefathers might have wondered if our "elevators went to the top floor" had they witnessed what we do every time we get on the water.) And we do it all – **just for fun!**

Sometime soon, you are going to unhook another golden smallie, or hold another green largemouth up for the camera, and then you will silently slip your catch back into the water to watch it swim off. It leads to a real good feeling; a **by-product of abundance**. It won't hurt any of us at that moment to give some *silent thanks* for being **so blessed** that we can participate in "catch-n-release!" Give thanks that there's enough chow in the refrigerator, and snacks in the pantry back home, that we Bass anglers can let a possible meal return to its water world - **alive**. After all, "catch-n-release" is a privilege of the spoiled!

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Events Calendar

May 2006

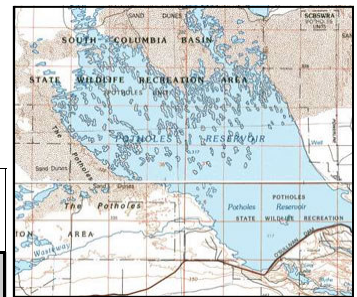
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14	15	16	17	18 General Meeting	19	20 Potholes Tourney
21 Potholes Tourney	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

June 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Fishing Kids - Kids' event/ Tourney
4 Fishing Kids - Tourney	5	6	7	8	9	10
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	

Upcoming Events

- General Meeting - Thursday, May 18 - 7:00 pm
- Potholes Tourney - May 20 - 21



Potholes Reservoir

Upcoming Events

- Fishing Kids - Volunteer Opportunity or two day Tourney - June 3
- Fishing Kids - Two day Tourney - June 3 - 4
- General Meeting - Thursday, June 15 - 7:00 pm
- Chelan Tourney - June 24 - 25

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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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!

Entertainment News

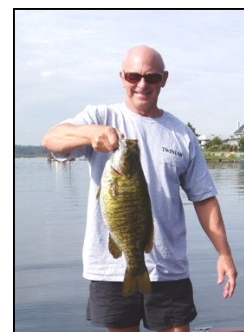
MIKE WOLSKY AND BILL HILL
2006 ENTERTAINMENT
DIRECTORS

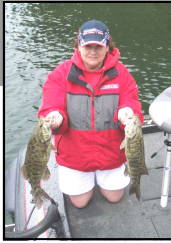
First, I would like to thank Willie Nelson for the wonderful talk on Silver Lake and sharing some of his small secrets on catching Largemouth Bass. Thanks Willie!

This month, we are switching gears from big jigs and shallow water Largemouth to finesse fishing smallmouth. We are going to have DJ Laroche, of West Coast Custom Tackle, speak on finesse fishing some of his own hand pours. DJ has been running WCCT for three years and offers 15 different baits in nearly 50 colors. DJ will key in drop shot and split shot techniques and share some of the baits he offers.

Hope to see you all come out to support more of our great local talent. I have seen some of his baits and they look great.

Mike





ANDREA
LOGSTON
2006 SPECIAL
EVENTS

Special Events

Special Events

Weekend of Potholes Tourney (May 20-22)

MarDon's Resort, Potholes Reservoir
Building Habitat cages!

Please contact Andrea if you will be able to help with this project at MarDon's resort. We will need a good group of volunteers to help put together these habitat cages that will be used as artificial structure in Potholes.

I will be taking a count of how many will be able to help with this project at the General Meeting and also on the website.

Friday evening, June 2nd and Saturday, June 3rd

Fishing Kids – need riggers and “guides”

Gene Coulon Park - Lake Washington – Renton

We need volunteers to rig rods on Friday night, June 2nd and volunteers for Saturday, June 3rd to help the children catch & clean the fish. I will have a sign up sheet at the general meeting with specific times to be there.

“The **Fishing Kids** program, built around the slogan: **Getting more kids fishing, more often**, is designed to create and provide more fishing opportunities for urban youth in the State of Washington.”

“Each event is designed to host 500 to 1,200 kids. There is a \$5 entry fee, for which each participant receives a Fishing Kids T-shirt and a Zebco rod and reel. Participants must pre-register, walk-ups will be accepted (room permitting). The kids fish in groups of 100 to 250 for 30-60 minutes each, depending on the site. **Experienced**

anglers (guides) are on hand to instruct and help children and parents alike.

While one group fishes, the next group participates in casting competitions and educational sessions provided by **local fishing organizations**. Informational tables, manned by such agencies as Fish & Wildlife Aquatic Education Department, the Coast Guard and other outdoor related entities, are also on hand.”

“Fishing Kids is presented by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Youth Sportfishing Program and the C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation.”

CAST for Kids - Saturday, September 9th

Mark your calendar!

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

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

Fish-In Report

The report for Lawrence Lake: Even with the wind that kept coming and going, water temp was 61.4 and it was a good day on the lake. We launched at 6:00am“ish” with 4 boats, 2 pontoon boats and 13 people. While the bite was tough, there were a lot of fish caught, the biggest being a 3.14 by myself followed by a 3.12 that was caught by two different club members, Lee and Jose' Big thanks again to Jose' for a last minute favor.



BRIAN WALKER
2006
AMBASSADOR
DIRECTOR



CARLOS TRUJILLO
2006 GREETER
/GREENSLIPS

APRIL GREENSLIPS

Hey Western! I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Carlos and I'll be taking over for Rich while he is sidelined. We'll miss you Rich! So hurry up and get back so we can rip some lips buddy. Thanks to Brian and Andrea for getting me the greenslips for the April meeting. I was in Eastern Washington getting ready for the Potholes Open.

Well, I got some great news Western. The Largemouth are out cruising in full force, and many of our fellow clubbers have been out taking advantage of it.

Jim Rumann, our V.P., and Chuck Bailey, our President, have our two best fish this month. Great job guys! Get ready for some "MONSTER" greenslips next month with our Silver Lake Draw Tourney and the spawn!

Name	Weight	Bait	Lake
Jim Rumann	6#08oz. Lm	Spinnerbait	Lk. Morton
Chris Blandi	6#05oz. Lm	Spinnerbait	Long Lake
Brian Walker	6#05oz. Lm	French fry	Lawrence Lake
Chuck Bailey	6#0oz. Lm	5" Senko	Sammamish
Bryan Hudgens	5#02oz. Sm	Dropshot	Lk. Washington
Larry Sullivan	4#11oz. Sm	Dropshot	Lk Sawyer
John Harris	2#08oz. Sm	Senko	Moses Lake
Adam Harris	2#0oz. Sm	Senko	Moses Lake

Jim Rumann will win the \$5 for the biggest fish turned in on a green slip. Way to go Jim, I heard you were just out warming up the ole elbow. For those of you that don't know Jim, he loves to chuck a spinnerbug.

Each month the club gives \$5 to the member for the biggest bass turned in on a greenslip. I will start collecting for the "Big Fish Kitty" this month, so don't forget to bring in a little something extra to enter. There are 6 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 Get 'R' Done and get acquainted.

Take a kid fishing,
Carlos

A man was stopped by a game warden at the Potholes recently with two buckets of fish leaving Mardons Resort. The game warden asked the man, "Do you have a license to catch those fish?"

The man replied to the game warden, "No, sir. These are my pet fish."

"Pet fish?" the warden replied.

"Yes, sir. Every night I take these here fish down to the lake and let them swim around for a while. I whistle and they jump back into their buckets, and I take em home."

"That's a bunch of hooey! Fish can't do that!"

The man looked at the game warden for a moment, and then said, "Here, I'll show you. It really works."

"Okay, I've GOT to see this!" The game warden was curious now. The man poured the fish into the lake and stood and waited. After several minutes, the game warden turned to the man and said: "Well?"

"Well, What?" the man responded.

"When are you going to call them back?" the game warden prompted.

"Call who back?" the man asked.

"The FISH."

"What fish?" the man asked.

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

Silver Lake. Well, the first tournament is under the belt. The start of the two day event was cold and cloudy with the hopes of sun. There were 10 boats with 10 ½ backseaters. One half being a red-head who likes to call me 'Butch'. After a sideways rain the scales were totaled with two bags separated by one ounce.

Good thing I left my clothes bag in the truck, otherwise it would have been soaked much like my cot and sleeping bag. Unfortunately, because of the rain we lost two backseaters. Sunday was better. The sun came out to play. Ron Hankinson and Phil Hudgens tore it up – both adding more than 10 pounds to their bags. Good job, fellas.

Twenty people with 111 fish for 231 pounds – not bad. If not for Mr. Booth's 4 ounce fish average weight, it might have been just a little higher. But, thanks to Carlos weighing a 7 pound, 1 ounce Bertha (a fish big enough to yell in its mouth and hear an echo), the average came back up. Hopefully a good time was had by all.

The next event will be Potholes Reservoir May 20 and 21. Should be prime time for good fishing. The club will be staying at Warden Lake RV Resort.

The simple directions are to go East on Highway 90, take exit 179, go south on highway 17 (assuming everyone is coming from the West, that's a right hand turn). Turn right on M street. Go south until you come to a stop sign. Turn Left. Resort will be the first place on your right. Warden Lake Resort, 15661 Highway 262, (509) 349-9865. Highway 262 is the same road that goes across the dam at Potholes. Second directions – get to the reservoir and go East.

The drivers' meeting will be at Lind Coulee launch at 6 am.

Looking forward to a good turnout, good fellowship, and good eats.

P.S. – Thanks for the help to Larry S., Andrea and Kendra Logston, Dave Jarrell, Jose Gomez-Elegido.

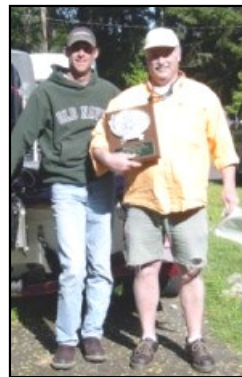


1st Place
Ron
Hankinson

2nd Place
Phil Hudgens



3rd Place
Jim Rumann



Big Fish (7.1)
Carlos Trujillo



Silver Lake Draw Tourney Results

1	Ron Hankinson	29LB14OZ
2	Phil Hudgens	27LB9OZ
3	Jim Rumann	23LB10OZ
4	Ray Henning	19LB7OZ
5	Larry Sullivan	18LB12OZ
6	Brian Walker	18LB6OZ
7	Carlos Trujillo	15LB11OZ
8	Lyle Logston	15LB10OZ
9	Chris Blandi	14LB1OZ
10	Daryl Snodgrass	9LB9OZ
11	Bob Brownlee	8LB8OZ
12	Steve Lewis	7LB7OZ
13	Joel Booth	7LB5OZ
14	Nick Barr	6LB13OZ
15	Douglas Booth	5LB0OZ
16	Alex Schuemann	2LB14OZ
17	Andrea Logston	0LB14OZ
18	Jose Gomez-Elegido	0
19	Lee Stevens	0
20	Stu Karpenko	0



Brian Walker's 8 lb 1 oz Largemouth



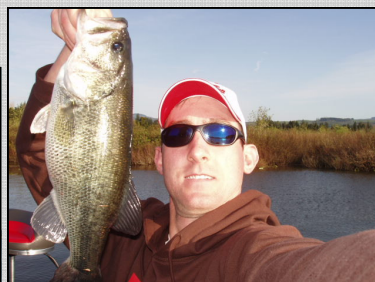
Carlos Trujillo's 7 lb 1 oz Largemouth at the Silver Lake Draw (Big Fish)



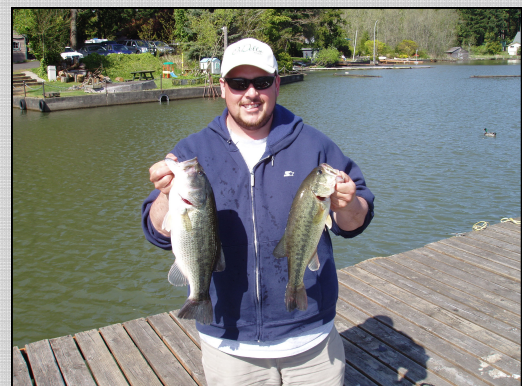
The Bank's Lake Boys. These guys made the trip up to Banks when the tourney got blown off of the lake at the Potholes Open.



Mike Wolsky's big golden pig at Banks. Can you name what kind of fish this is?



Chris Blandi montage. Look at that football of a fish from Lake WA.



Carlos and his Silver Lake friends.



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Western Bass Club News

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May Birthdays

Edythe Neilson	2		
Kevin Scofreid	2		
Brenda Lehman	3		
Jose Gomez-Elegido	6		
Rebecca Choate	9		
Brenda Rabisa	10		
Mary Snodgrass	10		
Lori Jewett	13		
Lee Stevens	13		
Caleb Booth	14		
Morgan Green	16		
Russell Steffensen	16		
		Bob Brownlee	18
		Alex Schuenemann	19
		Ryan Bedard	20
		Bill Brynteson	21
		Danny Garrett	21
		(John) Ki T Kim	26
		Jenny Ramsden	27
		Karla Henning	28



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2006 Western Bass Club Tournament Schedule

May	Potholes	May 20 - 21
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

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