



Western Bass Club

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DOUG BOOTH
2007 CLUB PRESIDENT

President's Line

Western Bass Club is a wealth of fishing information. Collectively the members of the club have more bass fishing information than any library. Our members not only know about fishing but products and tackle, history, fishery science, and lake information.

The best part is that it's usually free for the asking. Now that's fishing on a budget. Anyone that has been around the club for any amount of time knows that we all have the gift to gab. We usually will not only tell you what you wanted to know but way more than you ever wanted to know. Now a member may not take you to his "secret" locations on a lake the first time you go with him but as you develop a fishing bond, you're more likely to get a blindfolded trip to a favorite spot.

The best way to nurture a good fishing bond is to go out of your way to make it beneficial to both parties. It maybe by bringing a snack or coffee, some elbow grease helping with the wipe down, offering to park a rig or hold a boat and as always the offering to pay half the cost of an outing or using your boat next time. Make sure and be neat, treating their property like it is their most cherished possession (it might be.) Also be attentive to tips and suggestions they may make.

Good friendships take a long time to develop so don't rush things. As you get an opportunity to fish with more members remember to keep in touch and share your experiences with them. Check with them outside of fishing situations, if nothing else just to say "Hi." Making a fishing partner/friend will ensure that you will have a multitude of opportunities to become a better angler and a pal for life.

Doug Booth

José Gómez-Elegido
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Secretary

DORN BARR
2007 SECRETARY

Now that fishing season has finally opened for everyone's favorite lakes, there is no excuse not to go out and fish. It doesn't matter whether it is for fun, or for competition, it is time to get out on the water. With the price of gas...anyone paying \$4 a gallon yet...trolling motors seem to be your best bet. Those crazy trout people, cruising and trolling all over trying to catch those triploids...don't they know the true fish to catch is a bass.

We will vote on whether or not to have a Junior Western Bass Club. So, basically it is "Do Western Bass Club members want to create a Junior Club?" Pretty simple, yes or no? The details? Those will need to be created by a committee and brought to the general membership for approval. Is anyone ready, willing and able to be the Youth Director if the vote is yes?

Think about the future

Events Calendar

May 2007

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

Upcoming Events

- ♦ Fish - in
Lake Lawrence
Saturday, May 5
Breakfast-Denny's 5:00
Launch 6:30

- ♦ General Meeting
Thursday, May 17th 7:00 pm

- ♦ Potholes Tournament
May 19-20

- ♦ Jamboree Banks Lake
May 26-28

June 2007

Sun	Mo	Tu	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Fishing Kids Lake Washington	2 Fishing Kids Lake Washington
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Fish-In Lake Sammamish
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Banks Lake Tourney
17 Banks Lake Tourney	18	19	20	21 General Meeting	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Upcoming Events

- ♦ Fishing Kids
Lake Washington – Gene Coulon Park
Friday June 1 - 4:00pm
Sat. June 2 -7:30 am

- ♦ Fish - In
Lake Sammamish
Saturday, June 9
Breakfast–Denny's 5:00
Launch 6:30

- ♦ Banks Tournament
June 16-17

- ♦ General Meeting
Thursday, June 21
7:00 pm

2007 BOARD INFORMATION

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SPECIAL EVENTS

ANDREA LOGSTON 253-847-0611

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!

Entertainment



BILL HILL
2007 ENTERTAINMENT
DIRECTOR

This month we have Nick Barr as our special guest speaker.

Nick is not a stranger to us, he has been a member of our club for the last 2 years. Nick is an honor roll student at

Timberline High School and is currently pursuing a career in professional bass fishing. Along with his passion for fishing Nick also is very active in football, weightlifting and is very involved in his community. He is the founder and president of the Capital City Jr. Bass Club and the Timberline HS Fishing Club. Nick supports his fishing activities with his paper route money and working as a part time assistant at a local community center.

Last year Nick received the Kids Fishing All American Scholarship for \$5,000 saving bond and an expense paid trip to the Kids Fishing Challenge in Tulsa Ok.

Nick is sponsored by Legend Boats, Outdoor Emporium, Smith RV and Marine, Lamiglas, Stowmaster, Gamakatsu, Red Creek Apparel, Ghost Baits, KGM Custom Baits, Qickdrops, and Keelshield.

Looking forward to hearing from Nick,

Your Entertainment Director,
Bill



Fish-In Report



STU KARPENKO
2007 AMBASSADOR
DIRECTOR

April Fish-In Report

We had a good fish-in April 14 at Black Lake.

Thanks to Mark B, Faz, Larry, José, Lee, Alex, Ernest, Daryl, Dorn, Dan, Brian, and Bree for coming out.

Daryl rocked everyone with 3 huge smallies. The biggest was 5.7 and they were all over 4 lbs. Larry caught a 3 lb trout, Ernest had a 2 lb + smallie, and Brian got a largie of similar size. Alex had a 3 lb 11 oz largie from the back of my boat – and that was with a handicap of my trolling motor not working all day and having to motor and anchor in the wind to fish.

The weather was never terrible, but we had sun, wind, rain, sun, wind, rain, etc. all day long.

Good times... big fish.



Stu



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!

June Fish-In - Lake Sammamish

For the June Fish-In, we are coming back up to Lake Sammamish. Early June is the bomb for cruising smallies and you can catch them on spinnerbaits, drop shots, Carolina rigged lizards, grubs, etc.

I want to send out a special invitation to parents who are non-boaters who would like to bring their kid(s) along, but would not normally feel comfortable bringing them to a club event to fish. My boat in particular is open to you and your kids, so please give me call at 253-841-2183 if you would like bring them to this fish-in.

Please call me before the fish-in so that we can make sure we have enough kid-friendly boats to cover those who want to attend. Breakfast at 5:00 am is maybe too early for most kids, but if you can get them to the launch by 6:30 am, we should be in good shape.

Boaters, please participate June 9th if you can. Let's get some youngsters out on the water and into some fish.

Stu Karpenko

June Fish-In

When: Saturday, June 9th, 2007

Where: Lake Sammamish

Meet at Denny's, at 5:00 am for breakfast... OR... meet at the launch at 6:30 am. Launch fee is \$5.

Directions: To Denny's - 720 GILMAN BLVD., ISSAQUAH, WA 98027 (425) 392-6025

From I-405 take I-90 east to Spokane. Take exit #15 (900 west) to Lake Sammamish park. End of exit take a right.

At next signal (Gilman) turn left Denny's is on the left between 1st and 2nd signals.

To Launch - Exit 15 on I-90, N on 17th Ave NW. Right on NW Sammamish Rd. L on Sammamish Parkway SE, Go .75 mi. Left at "Boat Ramp" sign.

Green Slips



CARLOS TRUJILLO
2007 GREETER /GREEN SLIPS

Hello Western!
Chris Blandi was our big green slipper this month! Congratulations! Keep up the great work! We'll be seeing you out on the water, Western.

**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	SM/LM	Bait	Lake
Chris Blandi	7lb 5oz	LM	Jig/Craw	Long (Kitsap)
Bob Payseno	6lb 10oz	LM	Jig/Craw	Kathleen
Dennis Larson	6lb 2oz	LM	Senko	Sammamish
Jim Rumann	6lb 2oz	LM	Jig/Pig	Spencer
Bree Walker	5lb 9oz	LM	Jig/Pig	Silver
Jim Rumann	4lb 8oz	SM	Grub	Washington
Brian Walker	4lb 6oz	LM	French Fry	Silver
Phil Hudgens	4lb 2oz	LM	Senko	Silver

I'm still collecting for our Kitty! The "BIG Fish Kitty" is seven dollars and runs from April to October.

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 we'll get it done.

Tight lines, Carlos

Special Events



ANDREA LOGSTON
2007 SPECIAL EVENTS

CARE PACKAGE 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:

Friday, June 1st – Rigging Rods for Fishing Kids event

Gene Coulon Park in Renton from 4:00PM to 6:00PM

Please see me if you can help on this evening.

Saturday, June 2nd – Fishing Kids

Gene Coulon Park Renton – 7:30 AM -- need volunteers to help kids fish from the dock as well as volunteers to clean fish – please bring your own knife, pliers, towel etc . . .

Please see me to sign up.

June 1st & 2nd – Cast for Kids Charity Auction & Tournament

Gene Coulon Park Renton-- see the <http://castforkids.org/> web site for details

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

Tournament Report

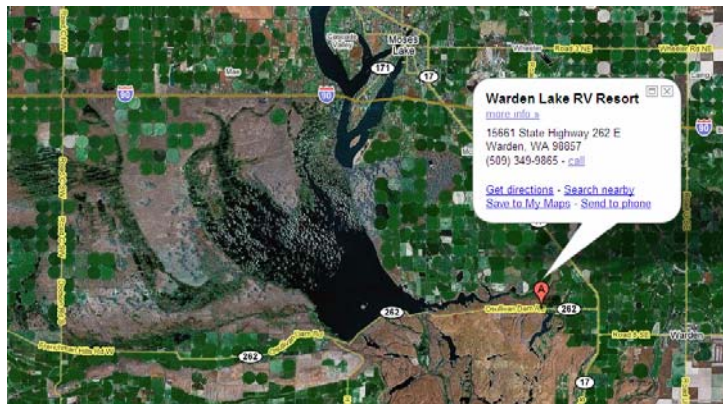


JIM RUMANN
2007 TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Hello everyone!
How is your Spring shaping up? To me it hasn't felt much like

Spring. Just a little too cold for me. At least, the fishing has been good.

Silver Lake Draw tournament was pretty good, there were 31 anglers, a total of 137 fish caught, with 257lb of fish, almost a 2lb average per fish. Saturday, the top four were within one pound of each other, then Sunday the first four places flipped over, first to fourth and fourth to first. It was anyone's to be had. One kicker fish would have done it for the second, third, or fourth. Very close weights in my book. It was good times by all who were there. I think it was the largest Draw Tournament I have seen with Western Bass Club since I joined. The best thing I saw was a new member, not only win, but treat his back seater so well that I felt I could have done better. It was also frustrating to watch Brian Olson pull fish out from under my nose. He did an awesome job. It was good to see.



Potholes is just around the corner and I am expecting another good turnout. Even with fuel cost being so high, I hope to see a large crowd. Last year there were 47 people, I expect to see even more.

If you are back seating in the tournament, let me say this as the tournament director, you are fishing against the boater. It is your responsibility to share fuel costs with the boater. That means auto, boat, and boat oil. It is not fair to the boater to carry all those expenses so that you can fish for free. If you don't know how much to give, ask. Communicating never hurts.

Drivers' meeting will be at the Lind Coulee launch at the East end of the dam. The time will be 6:00 am. I will try to be at Warden's Campground on Friday for people who want to sign up early.

There should be plenty of people with plenty of fish to be caught. Saturday there would be a potluck, bring food to share. If there is a barbeque, be sure to pay the chief. Good eats are good to keep around.

See you soon,
Jim Rumann

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

Silver Lake Draw Tournament



Place	Name	Total Weight
1	Brian Olson	25.26
2	Brian Walker	24.18
3	Jim Rumann	23.20
4	Ron Hankinson	22.68
5	Ernest Griffin	15.98
6	Mark Maderos	15.56
7	Troy Kelly	14.74
8	Stu Karpenko	11.20
9	Brandon Aberle	10.04
10	Carlos Trujillo	9.30
11	Ray Henning	8.86
12	José Gómez-Elegido	8.64
13	Alex Schunemann	8.14
14	Chuck Pigue	8.02
15	Daryl Snodgrass	7.86
16	Larry Sullivan	7.60
17	Phil Hudgens	6.76
18	Chris Blandi	5.46
19	Joel Booth	4.42
20	Michael Rochester	4.10
21	Steve Hastings	3.60
22	Jim Smith	3.22
23	Doug Booth	2.46
24	Lee Stevens	2.44
25	Jaret Henry	1.50
26	Mary Snodgrass	1.18
27	Bob Brownlee	0.80
28	Stacy Bernard	0.00
29	Richard Fazakerley	0.00
30	Rob Maglio	0.00
31	Bree Walker	0.00





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WESTERN BASS CLUB NEWS

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May Birthdays

David Todd	1	Morgan Green	16
Edythe Neilson	2	Russell Steffensen	16
Kevin Scofreid	2	Mike Beedle	18
Brenda Lehman	3	Bob Brownlee	18
José Gómez-Elegido	6	Alex Schuenemann	19
Rebecca Choate	9	Ryan Bedard	20
Brenda Rabisa	10	Bill Brynteson	21
Mary Snodgrass	10	Danny Garrett	21
Lori Jewett	13	(John) Ki T Kim	26
Lee Stevens	13	Jenny Ramsden	27
Caleb Booth	14	Karla Henning	28



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