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WBC NEWS November 2006

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President's Line



CHUCK "THE REV"
BAILEY
2006 CLUB PRESIDENT

"Fire can keep you warm, or it can burn your house down."

"A brick can be used to build a hospital, or it can bash someone's brains out."

Statements like that are often given to remind us that if we are not careful, our blessings can become selfish burdens or destructive forces. And as much as we bass anglers *love* our sport – *we too have to be careful*. The line between our sport being a blessing and an unhealthy addiction is a thin one! So fishing can be a *life-giving gift*, ...or an "*idol*" that screws up our priorities and messes up our lives.

Sometimes it behooves us anglers to take a serious look at our hobby to make sure that it remains a *positive force* in our life. Take "**TIME**" for instance: Time is a non-renewable gift; you can't postpone it, save it, or buy it. Once it is gone – it's gone. You get no more or less time than anyone else – just **86,400 seconds a day!** (Truth is, you and I don't know how many more days we have left.) And because the world is so eager to fill our time up with *countless activities and crowded calendars* – it might be a wise thing to decide what are your true priorities in life before allowing others to determine how your precious time will be spent.

Priorities, of course, will differ from one person to another. (Personally, my top priorities are 1) God, 2) my family, 3) my church, 4) other needy people in the world, and finally myself – that is, after pouring myself out for God and

others, I recognize the need for renewal, rest, and recreation – hence my fishing!) Now your list may be different from mine, but unless you figure out what *your priorities* are – you may end up foolishly spending your time chasing after *trivial things* and wasting whatever precious moments you have left.

Fishing, I suspect, may be a higher or lower priority for you than me, but many people wiser than myself always suggest that "**relationships**" should dominate your list. I've learned the hard way that when my fishing selfishly takes precedence over my wife, or children – we all suffer. And yet, when fishing is used to *bring us together* to share and make new memories – **life is good!** Now for those of you who have spouses or families that don't get into fishing (like mine) – this requires a real *delicate balancing* act. Thankfully, my wife understands how a day on the water helps renew and keep me balanced (strengthening our relationship) – but I must be willing to selflessly give up a fishing day occasionally if it will bring us closer together.

Priorities and balance must also be applied to our **financial spending patterns** too! Anglers are barraged with countless opportunities to *spend money* on new boats, electronics, motors, rods, tackle, and accessories beyond our ability to list! The fact is, you can fish for bass from the shoreline with a stick and a hand full of worms, or you can sit in a 250 horse top-of-the-line fiber glass bass boat filled with every new dew-dad, and what-cha-ma-call-it! There is a true difference between what we "need" and what we "want". (I read lately that **70%** of Americans are so far in debt, that if they simply paid off the minimum monthly requirements – they will never pay off their debts before they die!) Our fishing is something meant to bring us great joy, not the stress of money worries or financial bondage!

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November 2006

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

Upcoming Events

- General Meeting -
Thursday,
November 16
7:00 pm

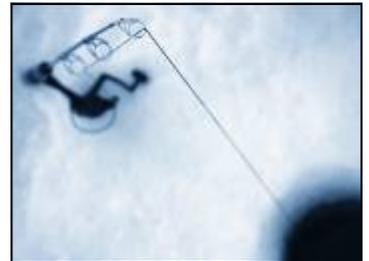
NO General Meeting in December

December 2006

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

- Fish-In -
Lake Washington
Saturday, December 2
Breakfast 5:30 am
Mercer Launch 7 am
- NO General Meeting
in December



2006 BOARD INFORMATION

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CARLOS TRUJILLO (253) 376-8591

SPECIAL EVENTS

ANDREA LOGSTON (253) 847-0611

JIM RUMANN (253) 740-8013

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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Too many marriages and families are falling apart. Sometimes anglers foolishly spent great quantities of *time* and *money* on the sport of bass fishing *instead* of investing wisely in repairing their relational problems. (Perhaps to selfishly escape facing the challenges of life?) Remember, unhealthy addictions are not limited to booze, gambling, or drugs. **Anything** can become an **addiction** – including bass fishing!

Friends, our **TIME** and **RESOURCES** are *gifts* that can be a blessing to our life, or can be used and wasted foolishly to weaken our relationships. Every angler needs to write down what their **specific priorities** are in life and remember: angling was meant to add to life – *not replace it*. Angling can renew our spirits and refresh our outlook on life, (so as to strengthen our relationships) – or it can rob our relationships! No one loves our sport more than I – but I've been blessed (through trial and error) to discover that we are to control our fishing, and not the other way around. Our relationships and fishing do not have to "clash" – and shouldn't ... **if** we set our priorities and we keep "first things first"!

One of the things I have loved about Western Bass Club is our setting "**the family**" up as a *higher priority* than say... competitive tournaments. We have always felt the "**fellowship of friends**" around the evening fire and the "**sharing**" of fishing knowledge at our tournaments is more important than *trophies* or *prizes*. Yes, there is always something to be said about being out on the water *alone*, observing the peace and quiet of nature. But the *greatest joy* comes from **sharing** that fishing experience with others! More important than "fishing for fishing sake" is the joy of **sharing it** with other anglers! Especially when they are our family and friends!

I have one more month left as your president, before I turn the reins over to Doug Booth (a great choice!), and I want to say it has been a real privilege to be a part of a club that has its *priorities straight* – "**anglers**" before angling, "**families and friends**" before competition, "**sharing the fishing experience and knowledge**", over hoarding and secrets! Life is about priorities and balance – and every wise person I have met believed that **relationships** are always more important than mere activities or hobbies. But when you can bring them both together, (having set up *healthy priorities*) – well, there's plenty of smiles and joy-filled experiences discovered in a boat!

When you bring families and friends together around Bass Fishing... **magic happens!**



ANDREA LOGSTON
2006 SPECIAL EVENTS

Special Events



CARE PACKAGES TO MARC FIELDS IN IRAQ

Thank you to those who donated items for Marc's 3rd care package to Iraq. I was able to send 3 flat rate boxes totaling about 27 lbs of goodies.

Just a reminder to bring your care package items for box #4 on Thursday, November 16th 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. Thank you for your support!

RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

This year we will be raffling a \$350 gift card to Auburn Sports & Marine. The raffle ticket booklets will be available at the general meeting for signing out. It would be great if every member could sell at least 1 booklet as this is our main fundraiser for the year.

AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday, January 13th – mark your calendar . More details to follow at the general monthly meeting . . .



Please contact me should you have any questions about the Special Events.
Thank you,
Andrea Logston

Entertainment News

MIKE WOLSKY AND BILL HILL
2006 ENTERTAINMENT DIRECTORS

We want to thank Jeff Boyer for a very informative and educational presentation on "How to read and understanding our electronics." Jeff was a wealth of information and insight.
Thanks again, Jeff.

This month we have a very SPECIAL guest. Not only did he and his partner win Rookie of the Year honors in the NW Bass Series, Mike also finished the season by winning the Lake Sammamish team tournament. He is an accomplished angler and now he has drawn NATIONAL attention with his appearance on the "OLN Ducks Unlimited" show. Mike will be showing us the tape from the "OLN Ducks Unlimited Show" at our next meeting Nov 16th.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting,

Bill
You're Entertainment Director





CARLOS TRUJILLO
2006 GREETER /GREEN-
SLIPS

**October
GREENSLIPS**

Well hello Western! It's great to see we have got a bunch of green slips this month! Let me just start off by welcoming Ernest Griffin to the club. He has fished his first tournament and turned in his first green slip. Congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at the club functions!

As you all may have noticed the spinner bug really rocked them this month. Got to love it! Well, we're coming down to the wire with the total stringer race and it's going to be a close one between Jim Rumann and Brian Walker. Good luck as we head into the final month to score a green slip. Also be on the look out for green slips from the Frostbite and the fish-in at Silver Lake! Keep the green slips coming and we'll see ya'll at the next meeting.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Bait</u>	<u>Lake</u>
Jim Rumann	7lbs.3oz	Spinner Bait	Moses
Larry Sullivan	6lbs.13oz	Drop Shot	Sammamish
Joel Booth	6lbs.7oz	Spinner Bait	Silver
Doug Booth	5lbs.10oz	Spinner Bait	Moses
Brian Walker	4lbs.12oz	Spinner Bait	Silver
Carlos Trujillo	4lbs.6oz	Mop Top Grub	Moses
Jose Gomez-Elegido	3lbs.6oz	DT16 Crank Bait	Sammamish
Chris Blandi	2lbs.14oz	Drop Shot	Sammamish
Ernest Griffin	2lbs.8oz	Senko	Washington

GRAND SLAM QUALIFIER

Andrea Logston	11b.10oz	Perch	Banks
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Jim Rumann took the club "Big Fish" money (\$5) for the biggest fish turned in on a green slip. Each month the club gives \$5 to the member for the biggest bass turned in on a greenslip. 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 I can take care that for you.

Tight lines,
Carlos

Ambassador Report Fish-In - Lake Washington

When: Saturday, December 2, 2006

Where: Lake Washington.

Mercer Launch

Meet at 5:30 am for breakfast... OR... meet at the launch at 7:00 am.

Directions to Denny's:

Merge onto I-405 N toward BELLEVUE/EVERETT. 5.15 mi. Take the NE 44TH ST exit, EXIT 7. 0.27 miles. Turn LEFT onto NE 44TH ST. 0.16 miles. NE 44TH ST becomes LAKE WASHINGTON BLVD N. 0.07 miles. 4750 N.E. LAKE WASHINGTON BLVD. RENTON WA 98056

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



BRIAN WALKER
2006
AMBASSADOR
DIRECTOR

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!



Tournament Director

JIM RUMANN
2006 VP/TOURNAMENT
DIRECTOR

Well, the team tourney was a rainy one. The weather on Sunday was just short of a typhoon. Of course, the rain stopped as soon as we got off the lake.

Lots of people sat over stubborn smallies for much of the weekend in 30 feet and less of water, but the winners went deep, really deep, to find smallies for their winning bags both days.

We had a good number of boats and it seemed like everyone had a good time.

Special mention to Team Princess (their name). Angie and Deirdre fished hard and brought in fish both days.

This was the last club tourney of 2006. Look for a recap of the year coming up and lets look forward to a great 2007 season.

Jim

SAMMAMISH TEAM TOURNEY RESULTS

1. Mike Wolsky / Thane Hatch
27LB 5OZ
2. Larry Sullivan / Bob Brownlee
23LB 5OZ
3. Mack Randle / Brian Walker
16LB 0OZ
4. Troy Kelly / Ernest Griffin
13LB 6OZ
5. Daryl Snodgrass / Carlos Trujillo
9LB 2OZ
6. Mark Maderos / Rob Maglio
9LB 10OZ
7. Bob Payseno / Jim Rumann
8LB 11OZ
8. Ray Henning / Richard Fazakerley
8LB 1OZ
9. Doug Booth / Joel Booth
7LB 4OZ
10. Ron Hankinson / Terry Steffensen
7LB 1OZ
11. Jim Smith / Chris Blandi
7LB 0OZ
12. Mike Stahlman / Henry Dover
5LB 0OZ
13. Jack O'Day / Jesse Poplawski
4LB 5OZ
14. Stu Karpenko / Jose Gomez-Elegido
3LB 15OZ
15. Angie Dover / Deirdre O'Day
2LB 10OZ



1st Place

**Mike Wolsky and
Thane Hatch**



2nd Place and Big Fish

Larry Sullivan and Bob Brownlee

3rd Place

**Mack Randle and
Brian Walker**



WBC Photos



Team Princess

Angie Dover and Deirdre O'Day at the Sammamish Team Tourney



Daryl Snodgrass is either dressed for paintball or is screaming down the lake in the yellow Triton.

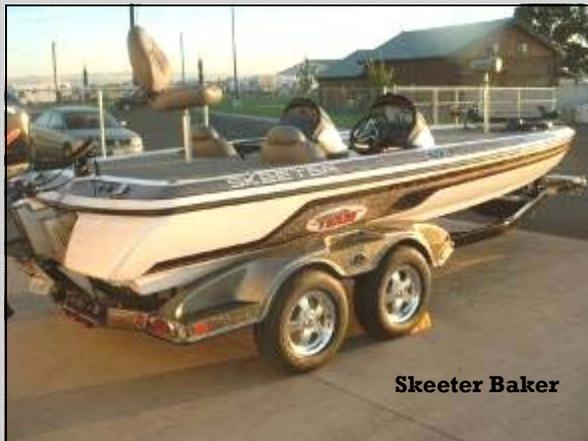


Carlos Trujillo with a 3lb 6 oz smallie at the Sammamish Team Tourney

**Congratulations!
New
Arrivals!**



Congratulations to the Bakers and O'Days on these new additions to their families. Russ Baker and his family are the proud new owners of the Skeeter iClass on the left, while Jack and Deirdre O'Day and family are beaming with pride about their new iClass, pictured on the right.



Skeeter Baker



Skeeter O'Day



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Western Bass Club News

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November Birthdays

Dan Graham	1		
Daniel Neilson	4		
Larry Sullivan	6	Harley Davidson	20
Blake Bozlee	7	Jana Green	20
Nick Culver	10	Zachary Knott	21
LaJuan Tuttle	10	Janet Gagliardi	24
Shannon Wolsky	10	Deirdre O'Day	26
Philip Neilson, Sr	15	Adam Harris	27
Phil Hudgens	16	Kendra Logston	27
Savannah Lewis	17	Ava Henning	28
Molly O'Day	18	Mark Wells	29
Mark Wischman	18	Hannah Henning	30



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