



Western Bass Club

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DOUG BOOTH
2007 PRESIDENT

What makes Western Bass Club a great fishing club? If you ask me, I would say it's the members. It takes all kinds of different personalities to make a club as enjoyable and as enduring as ours. Each one of our members is like a tooth in a flywheel that starts an outboard motor. And well a starter may engage with a few teeth missing it doesn't start as good. Each year we get some new members and other members seem to go a different direction. Yet we've managed to keep the Western Bass Club motor running for almost 70 years. It has taken and will take some good volunteers and leaders to continue this fine tradition.

Recently I had an idea that I think would really kick start the club in the right direction in the beginning of our 70th year. I have noticed that a number of our members are full of ideas. Many of them are comments or suggestions of how they see or feel the club should run. As a member of the board I think I can speak for them when I say we welcome all thoughts, ideas and suggestions. Sometimes, we get bogged down with the amount of time and work it takes to address these things. Unfortunately we are somewhat limited by our funds and volunteers. Now that's where my idea comes in to play.

President's Line

The next time you're on the internet and you have a great idea to help the club, tournament, website, etc... run better. Instead of typing it on a thread or voicing your thoughts, take an hour and volunteer your time helping the club. It can be almost anything from researching and launching a junior club, participating with the club at a special event like Fishing Kids or Cast for Kids. It might be helping to archive some of the clubs historical documents/photos. It could be running for a board position. It may be as simple as bringing your boat to a fish-in or taking an "ambassadee" out fishing.

If we could get the same amount of participation in our clubs other activities as we do for tournaments, we would have even a better club. For example, if everyone that fished the Potholes tournament would have sold 20 raffles tickets we would have increased our final total by 25%. Now that might not be a huge amount of money but it could possibly help with the updating of the website. Let's take half of the participants at the Banks lake tournament and have them spend an hour (about 20 hours) on organizing a youth club I think we could pretty well have it ready to fly by then.

I know tournaments are a blast and the potlucks are the icing on the cake. Now I have it on good authority that the Jack and Jill potluck was one of the best. The reason, someone took some time to organize/plan a menu and voila! I think this should be done at every tournament.

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Events Calendar

August 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12	13	14	15	16 General Meeting	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Lower Columbia Tourney
26 Lower Columbia Tourney	27	28	29	30	31	

September 2007

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Cast for Kids Lake Washington
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 General Meeting	21	22 Lake Chelan Tourney
23 Lake Chelan Tourney	24	25	26	27	28	29

Upcoming Events

- ♦ General Meeting

Thursday, August 16th

7:00 pm

- ♦ Lower Columbia Tournament

August 25-26

Upcoming Events

- ♦ CAST for Kids

Lake Washington

Saturday, September 8th

Gene Coulon Launch

6:30 am

- ♦ General Meeting

Thursday, July 19th 7:00 pm

- ♦ Lake Chelan Tournament

September 22-23

2007 BOARD INFORMATION

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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!

(from page 1)

We hear a lot about our club being a family club. Why not plan more family friendly activities? I know a lot of you have put in a numerous hours over the years and done your time; maybe you are burnt out or think it is time for someone else to pull their share. The problem with resting on our laurels is that it becomes too easy to sit back and armchair quarterback and I don't know of any

situations that were solved by just rethinking others actions.

So the next time you have the urge to give your 2 cents, make it even more by giving an hour of your time which is infinitely more than 2 cents.

Doug

Entertainment



BILL HILL
2007 ENTERTAINMENT
DIRECTOR

It was really interesting hearing of

Larry Sullivan's adventure with Clay Dyer and how he copes with adversity. Thanks Larry it was very entertaining and informative. I think we all need to know "How to Overcome Adversity in Fishing."

This month Jim " Smitty" Smith will be our guest speaker. He will be giving us some insight on fishing in El Salto and show us some of his slides from his recent trip there.

Hope everyone is having a great summer and getting on the water as well of course as landing the big one. Have a nice summer and see you on the 16th.

Your entertainment Director,

Bill Hill

Special Events



ANDREA LOGSTON
2007 SPECIAL EVENTS

CAST for Kids - Saturday, September 8th

Mark your calendar!

We need **you** and **your boat**!

Volunteers need to be at Gene Coulon Park in Renton by 6:30 AM. The children will be loaded into your boat (previous to launching) between 8:30 – 9:30 AM and then you will return to the launch around 12:00 for a BBQ for the children and volunteers.

Please let me know if you will be able to attend this awesome, life changing event, I would like to have a count of boaters and volunteers at the next CAST meeting.

If you do not have a boat and want to volunteer to help on the ground, please let me know so I can get you signed up for a responsibility.

For more information on this program and to read testimonials on past events please look up their website at www.castforkids.org

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

July Fish-In Report



STU KARPENKO
2007 AMBASSADOR
DIRECTOR

We had a good turnout and a good time at the July 14 night fish-in on Lake Washington.

Thanks to Mark B, Chuck, Faz, Ray and his son, José, Carlos, Phil and Brian, Pat S, Jon, Says and his fishing partner Som for coming out.

José and Carlos fished with me in the aircraft carrier. The weather was beautiful and we had the stereo going all night. It was calm all evening with a slight breeze from about 10 PM on. José caught a 2.4 smallie on a spinnerbait and a fat 4 lb 9 oz smallie on a dropshot. Carlos caught a 2 lb smallie on a dropshot while we were trolling at full speed.

Pat S. reported catching a nice SM on a dark, single Colo-

rado spinnerbait, then two more about 3lbs and one about 2.5 lb trolling a crankbait

Chuck and Jon caught several fish in the 3 lb range and survived hitting a large buoy at 34 miles an hour. Good thing Chuck owns an aluminum boat.

I had never been night fishing before. It's everything good that people have said about it, as far as I am concerned.

Thanks again, everyone, for a cool fish-in.



No September Fish-In

Because Labor Day is the first weekend in September, Cast for Kids is the second weekend, and the Chelan tournament is the 4th weekend, the board has decided that we will not have a Fish-In in September.

If you are a nonboater and want to get out on the water in September, please call me and I will set you up. You don't have to fill out the Ambassador paperwork, just let me

know you want to go out and when, and I'll set you up with someone.

Boaters, please plan to participate in Cast for Kids on September 8th.

I am thinking that we will try a lake up north for October.

Secretary

DORN BARR
2007 SECRETARY

The dog days of summer are here and so is the hot and humid weather.

For those of you who missed the Jack and Jill – it was hot! The sunburn on my neck continues to remind me that you need protection on the back of your neck or after 6 hours of sun you will be cooked. The best part of the tournament was the Saturday night potluck. Thanks Russ for getting it organized. My learning curve went way up after fishing for three days with my son. Larry taught me how to make a Carolina rig so I feel ever so knowledgeable about the baits, etc. now if I could just catch the fish.

I have decided that God did not intend for me to feed the masses. Teaching is definitely for me. I had to throw out my biggest fish (and I might add my only fish!).

After having exhausted all possible ways of catching a bass, I decided to ask God for a little intervention. "Just let me catch one fish!" Forgot to say "bass" so when I caught my fish and Nick said "Do you want to kiss this fish goodbye? I thought I was going to go through that bass ritual, nope that wasn't it. He informed me my big fish was a walleye and I had to throw it back. Like I said it was a learning experience for me.

Just a reminder about ideas for next year's 70th Anniversary, keep those ideas coming in. Members have suggested having an engraved item that can be used while fishing, in addition to an embroidered hat. Keep those ideas coming.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!
Dorn

Jack & Jill Report — 2008 Lake Selection!



JIM RUMANN
2007 TOURNAMENT
DIRECTOR

How has your summer been? Good, I hope.

Sorry I missed writing last month, this year has not been a good one for me. But good things still happen, though. Like winning the Jack and Jill with Katie McGregor. That was fun. Katie caught most of the fish while I played net-boy. 174 fish caught , totaling 233.23 lb.

Big fish for the Paysenos, with a 4.66 lb smallmouth. Whoever thought about the term pot luck should be commended, that was good.

The next tournament on the Lower Columbia should be interesting. There is a lot of water to choose from. Driver's meeting will be at 5:30. The sooner we can get to sign up, the quicker to the water. Oregon waters will be closed. Sorry, but no mention whatsoever was made about the Willamette river during the vote. There is still plenty of water to choose from. Please forgive me for not being a good leader for this tournament. There are roughly 150 miles from Astoria to the Cascade locks. Of the people who voted for this body of water, only two made any suggestions as to where they wanted to launch from and fish. Neither one said anything specific. I should have done better instead of letting my frustration beat me. For this I apologize.

Speaking of the vote. September's meeting is dedicated to 2008 lake selection. If you have a preference for where you want to fish, this meeting is a must. There will be plenty of time to put together choices for next year's lake selection. Come with your reasons for wanting any particular body of water, camping selections, or hotel/motel locations. If you attend, there should be no complain about when or where the tournaments are located. Think of new waters, fun camping, time of year a particular body of water fishes better, etc... Lake selection is important, there are a few things that need to be considered. Are there camping facilities rough or luxurious? Is the water suitable for children in a bass boat, or are they dangerous? Is there discussion needed? Navigation hazards? How far is it? Bring it all to the September meeting and lay it on the table.

Your tournament director,
Jim Rumman

Place	Participants	Total Weight
1	Katie McGregor / Jim Rumann	24.77
2	Danica Holmland / Mike Stahlman	18.58
3	Keri and Glenn May	18.25
4	Breanna and Thayne Hatch	17.62
5	Dierdra and Jack O'Day	17.54
6	Liz and Kirk Holmes	17.34
7	Angie and Henry Dover	16.70
8	Shanne and Ron Hankinson	16.54
9	Chrystel and Terry Steffensen	16.42
10	Shanon Wolski / Larry Sullivan	15.47
11	Kaylynn and Jesse Poplawski	13.04
12	Dorn and Nick Barr	11.18
13	Katelynn Bishop / Rocky Beeman Jr	9.98
14	Tami and Bob Payseno	8.02
15	Anita and Mark Fields	6.80
16	Heather and Russ Baker	4.96



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WESTERN BASS CLUB NEWS

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www.westernbassclub.com

August Birthdays

Lyle Logston	2	Chris Blandi	17
Brian Walker	2	Leigh Booth	17
Jasmine Hastings	3	Brock Logston	18
Nick Barr	4	Jenny Pigue	18
Jeff Choate	5	Mike Wolsky	18
Tanner Hankinson	7	Carol Damborg	21
Anne Frazier	8	Joy Jarrell	22
Don Bertellotti	10	Douglas Booth	25
Henry Dover	10	Dan Damborg	27
Raylene Ewing	11	Dave Gross	27
Debra Beemen	13	Raymond Loth	27
Austin Ramsden	13	Daryl Snodgrass	28
James Rumann	14	Mathew Hudgens	29
Heather Stagner	15	Terry Hill	31



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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

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