



Western Bass Club

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Howdy Fellow Club Members,

If you can tell I have been having brain lock trying to compose Newsletter Articles. I must be getting old because the fishing is really wearing me out- Weird how that works. Fishing these NW Bass events with Bryan is kickin my butt. It's not just the tournament themselves, it's the preparation from boat maintenance to the pre-fishing itself.

This month we are on Lake Washington followed up to the Club event on Potholes. Oh and I took some extra time from work to spend on Moses before and after our tournament. This for sure will wear me out.

I'm sure Potholes is going to be a fun event and I hope to see everyone there if not at the general membership meeting.

In closing be assured the board members are working hard behind the scene to make improvements to benefit the majority of our great club and to enhance the freshwater fisheries we all love so dearly.

Hope to see you on the water.

Views and opinions expressed by individual members do not necessarily reflect those views of the Western Bass Club

Phil Hudgens
President

Tournament News

Terry Steffensen

Vice-President**ARE YOU READY FOR POTHOLES?!!!**

I sure am, but first a rundown of April's Silver Lake Draw Tournament. For those that didn't attend, there were 23 hopefuls that showed up. The results were as follows...

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| 1 | Bryan Olson | 17-7 |
| 2 | Don Hankinson | 16-14 |
| 3 | Ron Hankinson | 16-2 |
| 4 | Jeff Iachei | 11-1 |
| 5 | John Greer | 10-2 |
| 6 | Chris Blandi | 9-12 |
| 7 | Mark Brown | 9-9 |
| 8 | Robert Fitzgerald | 7-10 |
| 9 | Bill Jessel | 7-5 |
| 10 | Rodney Heupel | 5-10 |
| 11 | Bryan Hudgens | 4-9 |
| 12 | Troy Kelly | 4-6 |
| 13 | Carlos Trujillo | 3-13 |
| 14 | Phil Hudgens | 3-8 |
| 15 | Larry Sullivan | 2-11 |
| 16 | Terry Steffensen | 2-10 |
| 17 | Bob Brownlee | 2-8 |
| 18 | Jose Gomez-Elegido | 2-5 |
| 19 | Susan Daniels | 1-11 |
| 20 | Thomas Maciel | 1-10 |
| 21 | Joel Booth | 1-5 |
| 22 | Kegen Sherard | 0 |
| 22 | Ernest Griffin | 0 |

For those that placed, Bryan, Don, Ron and Chris with big fish honors, I commend them because I sure didn't figure them out.

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Now on to this month's slugfest: Potholes. For those that haven't read the schedule, it is May 22nd and 23rd. We will be launching from Lind Coulee with a driver's meeting beginning at 4:45am with launch just as soon as we are all floating, tentatively around 5:15am. The club has set aside camp sites at Wardens Resort. If you haven't done so yet, please give them a call and make sure you can get a spot. I will come over Friday night and get as many sign-ups done as possible as I will be staying in Moses Lake. I will also arrive no later than 4:30am on Saturday and try and get the late arrivals squared away.

Remember the new tournament fees are \$25, so please bring exact change if at all possible to make things smoother. We will be weighing in at 3PM Saturday. Sunday blast-off will be at 5:15 so get your boats in before and be ready. Weigh-in will be 1PM. One last thing, the Potluck will be held at Wardens at approximately 6pm. Hopefully that gives plenty of time to get everything prepared. Thanks guys/gals and see ya there.

Terry Steffensen

VP/Tournament Director

Meeting Minutes

Dan Mowry

Secretary

Meeting Minutes 4/14/10

Meeting called to order at 7:10 P.M.
17 members present.

Entertainment: Jim Owens.

Jim showed his pictures from fishing Peacock Bass in Brazil. It was very entertaining and informative. And YES I want to go.

Secretary Report: Meeting Minutes read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$1285.00 in the bank.

Greeter/Greenslips:

- Rodney got a 4.7lb. SM at American Lake, on a football jig.
- John got a 5.5lb. LM at Star Lake on a jig.
- Chris got an 8.8lb LM at Morton Lake on a swimbait.

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Make sure you get your scales certified by Mark. We have lots of T-Shirts, Hats and Hoodies available. Make sure you support your Club!

Special Events: Next event is Fish'n Kids at Gene Coulon Park, on June 5th. June 4th will be the rigging of the fishing rods at 5:00 PM at Gene Coulon Park. Anyone that can pitch in and help would be appreciated. It's a very worthy cause.

Entertainment: We would like any suggestions brought up at the Silver Lake tournament, as to what type of entertainment the club members would like each month. Would you like the previous Month's tournament winner's to speak on what worked for them? Possibly an "expert" on the upcoming Lake? Any ideas would be appreciated.

Ambassador: There were 10 people at the last fish-in. Despite the snowstorm, every boat caught fish. Details are in the ambassador report. Next fish-in will be at Lawrence Lake, May 1st. details in the forum and ambassador report.

VP/Tournament Director Report: Draw tournament is this weekend at Silver Lake. Club will launch at the public launch. Driver's meeting at 5:45 A.M at the public launch. Weigh-in will be at the Silver Lake Resort. Potholes will be at Warden's Resort. The new scale has been purchased.

New Business: *It has been brought up in the past to change the night of the General Meeting. It was discussed, and voted on to close the issue. It is not feasible at this time. Any further discussion can be put on the web-site, and it will be reviewed if necessary. The cost of the trophies seems to have gone up with no notice from the supplier. Larry has a source for trophies and will get some prices for the Board to review.*

Need to look into possibility of putting up "Line Recovery Tubes" at tournaments. This will help keep our Lakes clean.

On a sad note long time member Cliff Kuppinger is re-locating to Louisville Kentucky. He has been a long time loyal and diligent member who has done a lot for the club. We wish him well and hope he keeps in touch with the club.

Old Business: The club voted to increase the tournament fee to \$25.00. We voted to use the entire fee for the tournament and big fish kitty, and to keep the raffle prizes in limbo until the General fund has been totally reimbursed for the cost of our new Scale.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 PM.

A note of humor from Patrick F. McManus:

"My favorite method of preserving live bait is to store it in the refrigerator until it is ready for use. There are two schools of thought on the proper execution of this procedure. Some hold it is better to tell your wife first and the other claim it is better to let her make the discovery herself."

And an anonymous quote:

"Whoever said, "A bad day of fishing is always better than a good day at work" never had their boat (or car) sink."



Ambassador Director

Fish-In Report

Rodney Heupel

Hello, Western Bass Club members and guests.

This month's Fish-In at Lawrence Lake was a challenge to fish with the cold front and wind. The threat of rain held off and we stayed dry the whole day. A good shore lunch was enjoyed with desert as we had Bree's cupcakes and Anna's rhubarb cake, what a special treat. Thank you ladies. So let's get into the report...

MAY FISH-IN FISHING LOG

Location: Lawrence Lake **Date:** 5/1/2010 **Day of Week:** Saturday

County: Thurston **Time Started:** 0630 **Time Finished:** 1500

Water Temp: **Start:** 55.7 **End:** 57.9

Structure Types: Spawning Flats

Weather: Cloudy with light showers in the area, wind gusts dominated the day.

| Time | Temp | Pressure | Wind | Wind speed | Wind gust | Humidity | Rainfall Rate |
|-------|---------|----------|------|------------|-----------|----------|---------------|
| 06:34 | 46.2 °F | 29.65in | Calm | - | 2.7mph | 73% | 0.00in |
| 08:19 | 50.0 °F | 29.65in | SW | 5.0mph | 12.3mph | 67% | 0.00in |
| 14:59 | 56.8 °F | 29.71in | SW | 5.0mph | 9.6mph | 45% | 0.00in |

Water Clarity: Clear to light stain depending on area of the lake.

Water Level: Normal spring high.

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Total Number of Fish: 0 bass, numerous trout.

Big Fish: Brian Walker w/rainbow trout 2.5lbs.

Fish Caught: Rodney caught 8 or 9 rainbow trout and numerous shakers, Brian w/1 big rainbow trout.

Productive Techniques: Senko and spinner bait w/red trailer hook. All though no bass where caught several bass where spotted following swim baits and jigs.

Members/Guests Present: Brian and Bree, Jose, Darryl, Hooter, Robert, Jeff, Bob, Rodney.



The bass may not have been co-operative but the trout really where. There are thousands of trout that are getting ready to bring much pleasure to the kids at the Fishing Kids event held by Jim Owens and his C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation on June 5th at the Gene Coulon Park. Let's all support this great event.

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The next Fish-In will be June 12th at Long Lake, Port Orchard. We will start the day with fellowship and a good breakfast at 5:30 A.M. at Shari's, 221 Bravo Terrace, Port Orchard, WA 98367. We will meet at the Long Lake State launch at 7:00 A.M.

Directions:

For the Northern anglers that will be south bound on I-5 take exit 132 to merge onto WA-16 west toward Bremerton. For those Southern anglers that will be north bound on I-5 take exit 132 for S 38th St, keep left and merge onto WA-16. From there all will go 22.9 miles, take the WA-160 E/Sedgwick Rd exit toward Southworth Fy 0.3 miles, turn right at SE Sedgwick Rd/WA-160 E 354 feet, Take the 1st right onto Bravo Terrace SE 207 feet, Shari's will be on the right.

After breakfast from Shari's head northwest on Bravo Terrace SE toward SE Sedgwick Rd 207 feet, turn right at SE Sedgwick Rd/WA-160 E 2.4 miles, turn right at the Long Lake Rd SE 0.4 miles, take the 3rd right onto Clover Valley Rd SE 1 mile, turn left at SE Brook St 315 feet.

Rodney Heupel

Ambassador Director

Meeting Information



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| Date: | Third Thursday of each month |
| Time: | 7:00 pm |
| Location: | Kennydale Community Center 2424 NE 27th St Renton, WA |

Club Homepage: www.westernbassclub.com



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 appropriate choice)

Home Phone (____) _____ E-Mail Address _____

Spouse's Name _____ Birthday _____

List Children:

Name _____ Birthday _____

Name _____ Birthday _____

Name _____ Birthday _____

PLEASE NOTE:

Dues are \$45 for new members and renewals.

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 _____

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