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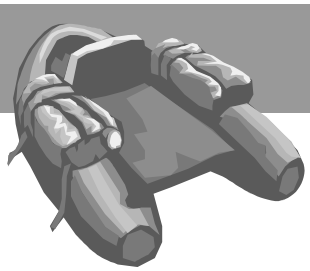
President's Line

CHUCK "THE REV" BAILEY
2006 CLUB PRESIDENT



Living in Federal Way, I have half a dozen small lakes with largemouth in them within 10 minutes of my house! Unfortunately, they all prohibit boat with a gas motors. So I usually drive 30 minutes to Lake Washington on my only day off – which requires lots and lots of gasoline. (Both for my truck AND for my boat!) And at 3 dollars a gallon – it becomes an expensive hobby. I decided to do something about it.

Last week I purchased a 9 foot "Fish Cat" pontoon boat for $400 from the new Sportsmen's Warehouse in Federal Way. It weighs somewhere around 60 pounds – so it's easy to get in and out of my pickup truck. And I was surprised at how quickly I could be on the water – and casting my favorite bait at largemouth that are hugely ignored by the trout fishermen who frequent these small lakes.

For those of you who thought you need big bucks to buy a boat in order to move away from shoreline fishing – think again. The pontoon boat comes with everything you need to get out on the water! OK, it DOES need an air pump (dual action), but that's only 12 dollars and it really fills the pontoons quickly. I connected one of the pontoons to a motorized pump that ran off my car battery, and was shocked to see that my use of the manual duel pump filled the other pontoon twice as fast. I store the boat with slightly deflated tubes, and it only takes a second to re-inflate them without breaking a sweat.

The model I purchased came with a rear bracket for holding a trolling motor, and a small platform for a battery directly behind the seat. So… temptation got to me and I purchased a 30 pound thrust Minnkota for 99 dollars. I tried it out last night, and it really moves it along. But with the battery and the trolling motor in the back, it's tail end was sagging. The model I have is rated for 350lbs, but with my 250 pound hulk and the battery/trolling motor – well, I'm pushing the maximum capacity!

So I'm now building a new bracket for the trolling motor in the front so as to balance the load. This will work out better anyway, because having the trolling motor behind you on such a small craft makes it awkward to run. Initially I purchased a swivel for my seat so that I could rotate to better control the direction, but even that was awkward and unsatisfactory. With the trolling motor in front, it will feel more…, well, like a bass boat.

Though I was just testing it out the other night, I did manage to catch a 3 pound largemouth out of the lily pads, and had no trouble bringing it in. Once I get to where I want to go, I use the oars that come with it to maneuver it into casting position. One real nice advantage of a pontoon boat is "it spins on a dime." One of the disadvantages is that… "it spins on a dime." For the trout fishermen that tend to fly-fish in open water from a pontoon boat, this is not a problem. But for a bass fisherman who has to align the boat when fishing docks or structure, it takes a little getting used to. Just the slightest breeze can push you 3 to 4 feet away in a hurry. It will definitely make you slow down and get the cast right the first time – because with a wind blowing you may not get a second chance.

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Events Calendar

July 2006

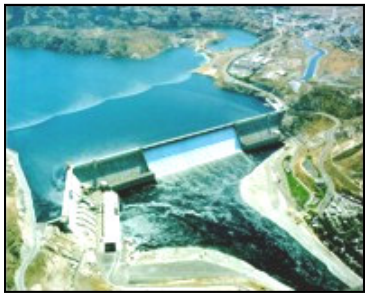
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
16	17	18	19	20 General Meeting	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Jack & Jill
30 Jack & Jill	31					

August 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Fish-In Sammamish
13	14	15	16	17 General Meeting	18	19 Fish & Camp at Logston's
20 Fish & Camp at Logston's	21	22	23	24	25	26 Long Lake Tourney
27 Long Lake Tourney	28	29	30	31		

Upcoming Events

- General Meeting - Thursday, July 20 - 7:00 pm
- Jack & Jill Tourney - July 29–30, Lake Roosevelt



Grand Coulee Dam
Lake Roosevelt

Upcoming Events

- Fish-In– Lake Sammamish August 12,
- General Meeting - Thursday, August 17 - 7:00 pm
- Fish and Camp at Logston's August 19 - 20
- Long Lake Tourney - Spokane - August 26 - 27

2006 Board Information

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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!

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These boats do come with a pulley system for an anchor. In the rivers or shallow upland lakes, this can be a real plus. But in deep lakes – forget it. Remember, when it comes to lakes, this is a still water, mostly small water craft.

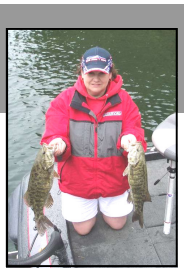
Advantages: No boat or trailer licenses, easy to haul in the back of the truck, and they are easy to store. (Deflated, the pontoons fold up, and the frame breaks down into a remarkably small box.) They have tackle bags attached to both sides for gear, but you won't be able to take the kitchen sink with you like in a bass boat. But you can fish waters that are off limits to motorized boats, and you don't have to deal with skiers, or ski-do's, or wake making pleasure craft!. And you get a crack at big bass that go unharassed (especially by anglers who have bass boats and head instead for larger waters.)

Disadvantages: Wind is not your friend! (Though there is always one end of a small lake that is less affected.) And unless you want to invest in the $1200 models, you can't take a friend. But let's face it, some times it's good to get away from folks. And… don't expect to take along a ton of gear or a dozen rods. Three is as much as I've been able to manage. Still, that only forces us to focus on the pro's and con's of a few select techniques, until we master them – and that's not all bad!

In my research, I discovered that in California, there are several pontoon bass clubs that specialize in this type of fishing. They have pictures of how to build rod holders that will carry a barrage of rods, and even how to create light weight live-wells that float between the pontoons for tournaments. They have fish-finders attached, underwater cameras, and mini-bars. OK, I'm kidding about the mini-bars, but never-the-less, these creative anglers have found an inexpensive way to enjoy an otherwise expense sport.

For those of you who are back-seaters and can't afford a boat of your own at this time in your angling journey – you might consider a one-person pontoon boat as a way to break away from dependency on others for your fishing experiences.

And for you who have a boat, but have now inadvertently eliminated yourself from fishing small "restricted" lakes – here's a way to reclaim that experience and do it inexpensively. Let's face it, many of us bass anglers have been accused of being "full of hot air" – now we can float on it and catch our favorite fish without having to go broke to do it! I'll keep you informed as to how it works out!



ANDREA LOGSTON
2006 SPECIAL EVENTS

Special Events

CAST for Kids – Saturday, September 9th - Mark your calendar!

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

Volunteers need to be at Gene Coulon Park in Renton by 7:00AM. The children will be loaded into your boat (prior to launching) between 9:00 – 9:30AM and then you will return to the launch around 12:00 noon for a BBQ.

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 (253 847-0611)

2nd Annual Fish-In, BBQ & Campout at The Logston's August 19th & 20th

WBC members and their families are welcome at our place for a BBQ and campout on Saturday, August 19th.

Last year we had a great time with fishing, food and fellowship. (*Yes, Larry S. the "slushy" machine will be going!)*

We are still working out the details for a morning meeting place & lake for Saturday, August 19th, as well as the lake for Sunday fishing.

– Stay tuned!

Entertainment News

MIKE WOLSKY AND BILL HILL
2006 ENTERTAINMENT DIRECTORS

To all those who survived our "Survival Challenge," way to go. It was a lot of fun and for some of us who still need to learn how to pitch and flip, it was a real challenge.

This month we will have Erik Schoen as our entertainment speaker. Erik is a masters student in Fisheries at UW, studying predator-prey interaction among fish and invertebrates in Lake Chelan. He is also focusing on lake trout, Mysis shrimp and kokanee. Erik is also interested in other predators such as smallmouth bass, northern pikenminnow, burbot and westslope cutthroat trout.

Erik grew up in Alaska as a kid. His dad is a wildlife biologist and pilot so Erik got to see some remote parts of Alaska and developed a love for the outdoors. Erik went to Dartmouth College in New Hampshire for his bachelors, where he majored in biology. As he became more interested in aquatic biology he was drawn to the Puget Sound region and the UW in particular. Erik spends several weeks a year on Lake Chelan getting to know the local biologists and fishermen.

Erik will be a wealth of information for us so be prepared to ask a lot of questions.

See you on the 20th,
Bill and Mike

Ambassador Report

BRIAN WALKER
2006
AMBASSADOR
DIRECTOR

Is it getting hot or what!!?? And I'm not just talking about the weather. Word has it that there are several big bass being caught and if your not out there, you need to beg, borrow or steal your way to get out on the water!

August fish-in will be on Lake Sammamish on the 12th. We'll be meeting for breakfast at Denny's in Issaquah at 4:30 am and Launch at 5:30 am at the state launch. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 253-846-6161. Looking forward to seeing both new and old members there. Until then, tight lines, and see you on the water!

Brian (The Weedwalker)

August Fish-In - Lake Sammamish

When: Saturday, August 12, 2005

Where: Lake Sammamish

When: Saturday, August 12, 2006

Where: Lake Sammamish

Meet at Denny's, at 4:30 am for breakfast… OR… meet at the launch at 5:30 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.

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!

CARLOS TRUJILLO
2006 GREETER
/GREENSLIPS

JUNE GREENSLIPS

Name	Weight	Bait	Lake
Carlos Trujillo	5 lb 8 oz LM	D-Wide Beaver	Potholes
Brian Walker	4 lb 14 oz LM	Spinnerbait	Columbia Rvr
Rob Maglio	4 lb 12 oz LM	Brush Hog	Potholes
Nick Barr	4 lb 6 oz LM	Wacky Senko	Banks
Jim Rumann	4 lb 6 oz LM	Spinnerbait	Potholes
John Harris	4 lb 1 oz LM	Senko	Moses Lk
Russ Baker	3 lb 15 oz SM	Jig	Chelan
Adam Harris	2 lb 8 oz LM	Senko	Moses Lk

Howdy, Western Bass! I see that there are a bunch of you taking advantage of the great weather we've been having. We also had a great turnout at the Potholes tournament. There were some solid bags weighed, but not many "big" fish. Although, someone you all know and love did happen to hook into a nice one in the tournament and it so happens to be the big greenslip for June. And, as usual, there were several this month from the usual spots around here. I'll be in colorful Colorado most of the month so happy fish hunting and I look forward to seeing you all when I get back. I'll be ready to get out on the water because where I'm going there are no bass. Darn!

Just wait till you see the "Toads" that are brought in next month from Chelan!

Well, I took the club "Big Fish" money ($5) for the biggest fish turned in on a greenslip again. I'll have to give myself a pat on the back and an "atta boy" for my Big Fish from the Potholes tournament and June greenslips winner. Each month the club gives $5 to the member for the biggest bass turned in on a greenslip. I have started collecting for the "Big Fish Kitty", so don't forget to come and enter. There are 4 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 take care of the technicalities.

Tight lines, Carlos

Tournament Director

JIM RUMANN
2006 VP/ TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Jack & Jill - Lake Roosevelt

Wow! Reaching the half-way mark. Seems like we just started the year.

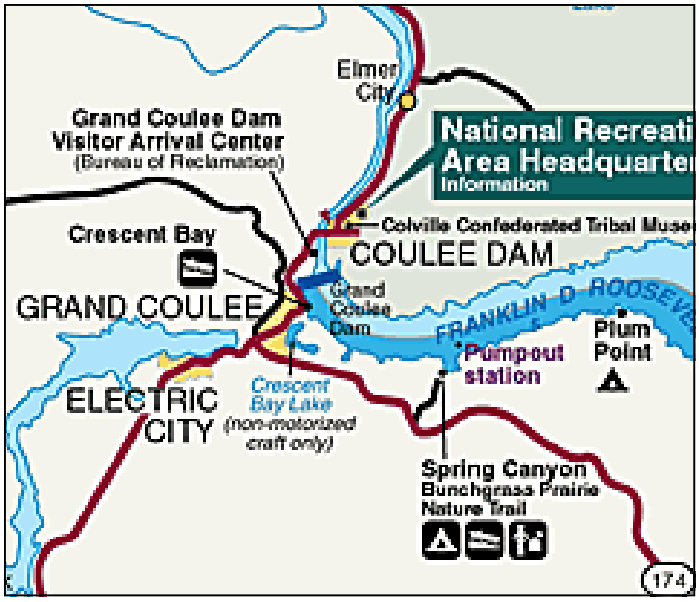
At Roosevelt we will be using the Crescent Bay Launch. It is the one next to the dam. I begged to use the Spring Canyon one for the ladies, but they said no. Being as it is the peak season, they wanted us to use the one with more parking.

The drivers meeting will be at 6:00 am (subject to change) on Saturday.

From Coulee Playland, go into town and head for the dam. The launch is very obvious on the right.

Dinner on Saturday will be awesome. Bring salads, side dish or dessert. The main course will be done by the Master Chef, Lyle.

Looking forward to a good time. See you there!
Jim Rumann
253-740-8013



CHELAN TOURNEY RESULTS

Place	Standings	lbs ozs
1	Russell Baker	27LB7OZ
2	Kirk Holmes	26LB6OZ
3	Jim Rumann	26LB0OZ
4	Mark Maderos	25LB0OZ
5	Rob Maglio	24LB9OZ
6	Mack Randle	23LB3OZ
7	Ron Hankinson	23LB2OZ
8	Larry Sullivan	22LB3OZ
9	Kendra Logston	21LB4OZ
10	Dave Jarrell	21LB2OZ
11	Terry Steffenson	20LB9OZ
12	Phil Hudgens	19LB15OZ
13	Lyle Logston	19LB9OZ
14	Bob Brownlee	19LB5OZ
15	Chuck Pique	18LB11OZ
16	Jack O'Day	18LB4OZ
17	Bob Payseno	17LB15OZ
18	Nick Barr	17LB9OZ
19	Rocky Beemen Sr	17LB5OZ
20	Chris Sergeant	16LB8OZ
21	Jesse Poplawski	16LB5OZ
22	Daryl Snodgrass	15LB14OZ
23	Shanne Hankinson	13LB14OZ
24	Larry Albert	13LB13OZ
25	Henry Dover	12LB7OZ
26	Carlos Trujillo	11LB0OZ
27	Brian Walker	8LB1OZ
28	Marc Fields	6LB8OZ
29	Jose Gomez-Elegido	5LB15OZ
30	Angie Dover	5LB5OZ
31	Bill Hill	4LB8OZ
32	0	2LB14OZ
33	Dru Randle	0LB12OZ

Big Fish	Mark Maderos	5LB7OZ

Chelan Tourney Pics

1st Place

Russ Baker

2nd Place

Kirk Holmes

3rd Place

Jim Rumann

Big Fish (5.7 lbs)

Mark Maderos

Kendra (and helpers) with her top 1st day limit.

Jim Rumann with all the fish he could hold at once. (There was one more in the bag).

WBC Pics

Nick Barr - 6lb. 4oz. LM From Long Lake (Thurston County)

Russ Baker with a big LM at dusk on Wapato Lake near Chelan

Stu and Ryan Karpenko on the front lines at Fishing Kids.

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Western Bass Club News

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July Birthdays

Bill Hill	2
Marcus Fields	5
Ron Knott	5
Nicole Hudgens	6
Justin Singson	7
Charles Wischman	8
Lucian Gomez-Elegido	9
Gillian Harris	9
C.J. Kopf	11
Daylin Davidson	12
Cathy Centanino	12
Kirk Holmes	12

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2006 Western Bass Club Tournament Schedule

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

- RV and Tent Sites
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