

The West Seattle Sportsman

Don't miss Larry Gonczy's Underwater Tour of Lake Washington at the next WSSC meeting, Wednesday, May 7.

**Upcoming Events
Mark Your Calendar!**

Larry Gonczy's Underwater Tour

The Next Club meeting (Wednesday May 7th) will feature Larry Gonczy's Underwater Tour. Larry's show features underwater footage of fish actually striking lures in Lake Washington and other spots around the area. Larry has presented his video and lecture at various sportsmen shows in the area and this is a must see. I saw his presentation at the Seattle Sportsmen show and found it very informative. **The Program will start promptly at 7:00 PM with club business being handled after so please try to arrive before the start time.** Please feel free to bring your friends and family for a most educational show.

Annual Club Clam Dig and Bake

The Annual Club Clam Bake will be Tuesday June 3rd at Alki Beach. This will be in lieu of regular club meeting. Suggested donation will be \$5.00 per adult. Any shellfish you would like to contribute would be most appreciated. We are also having a Clam Digging party on Sunday June 1st at either Blake Island or Whidbey Island. Contact Jerry Mascio or Steve Patnode for more information and exact time

and locations. We can really use as much help as possible to help dig clams as this helps keep down what we need to buy for the event.

Conservation Camp

We are looking to sponsor children ages 12-16 for a week at Conservation camp this summer. Camp is in July, for girls it is July 13th-19th and for boys July 20th-26th. Those interested are requested to submit a short essay saying why they would like to go. Essays must be turned into one of the Trustees or Officers by May 15th. Club Trustees will be judging the essays.

RANGE REPORT April 23, 2002

As of today our contract with the city has been signed by Ken Bounds. A copy is being sent to the IAC, with their approval of the contract we should get the grant agreement very shortly. With this agreement in hand we can order the ventilation equipment and backstops. For those of you who have not visited the range lately come by and see the plenum wall. It is done. There are 100,214 ¼ inch holes drilled in it, all done by hand. A special thanks to all that did the drilling.

•**May 3rd - 4th - Craw fishing trip** to Vossa Park on the west side of Lake Sammamish or to Fred Burr's brothers on Lake Washington.

•**May 7th Club Meeting featuring "Larry Gonczy's Underwater Tour"**

•**June 1st Clam Dig** at Blake Island or Whidbey Island (for clam bake).

•**June 3rd Annual Clam bake** at Alki Beach

•**June 6th - 8th Bowman Bay Fresh water family fishing derby.**

•**June 14th - Goeduck trip** to Vashon Island, Launch at Point Defiance.

•**August 6th - Salmon Bake** at Lincoln Park.

**MEETINGS FIRST
WEDNESDAY 7:15
Roger Dahl Rifle Range
West Seattle Stadium**

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Catch rates, fish size run high for Washington state lake fishing season opener.

Catch rates and fish size were good throughout much of the state on Saturday's opening day of lowland lake fishing.

Many recently-stocked, large triploid rainbow trout were caught at rates well above expectations. Several trout exceeding 20 inches were seen in creels, and some tipped the scales at four- plus pounds.

With over 10 million trout and 12 million kokanee stocked in Washington lakes, fishing is expected to remain good for the entire season, said Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) fish manager John Hisata.

Anglers, including families and other groups, turned out for an opener that offered an array of weather conditions ranging from warm and sunny in the Okanogan to rain and fog in the opposite corner of the state. Angler turnout varied with weather conditions, said Hisata, who compiled catch reports across the state.

"In southwest Washington rain kept angler turnout down and generally shortened trip length, while in Okanogan County warm weather brought out both anglers and trout, with excellent catch rates in waters such as Leader, Wannacut and Conconully lakes," he said.

The top lakes in average catches were Wapato in Chelan County; Rowland in Klickitat County; Tiger in Mason County; Leader and Wannacut in Okanogan County; Bonney, Clear and Tanwax in Pierce County; Erie and Sixteen in Skagit County; West Medical in Spokane County; and Clear and Long lakes in Thurston County. Those lakes all produced catches of 4.6 fish per angler or better which-at a five-trout-per-day limit-meant limits for most anglers checked. For more info contact:

John Hisata, (360) 902-2797 or Madonna Luers, (509) 456-4073
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The West Seattle Sportsmen's Club was founded in 1934 by a group of fourteen men who had the foresight to see that sportsmen, in a united group, would present views, be better heard and achieve goals that were not possible when action as unorganized individuals. The ambitions of these charger members, who strove for the propagation of wildlife and habitat as well as the conservation of all our natural resources, has proven prophetic, for today multitudes of individuals and sporting groups are carrying on the job of conserving the remaining outdoor assets of natural America. The West Seattle Sportsmen's Club helps lead in this fight in the state of Washington. A member has the opportunity to join others in formulating club action in achieving and maintaining these goals.

However, "all work and no play" is not the format of the club. Many events are spaced throughout the year to insure a member many chances to participate in sportsmen's activities. For \$25, what more could a man ask than the opportunity to go salmon fishing with a group of his friends on a charter boat, fresh water fishing with other members and their families, have a salmon bake, a clam feed, or attend a banquet especially for the ladies. But there's more - he can shoot on the club range, go rabbit hunting, and if nothing else, should get \$25 worth just by watching the kids of the community have a real ball at the Kid's Fishing Derby. To sum it all up, a guy gets at least a hundred dollars worth of fun out of a year's membership.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION WEST SEATTLE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

I, _____ of _____, Washington, Date _____
being interested in the propagation and conservation of game birds, game animals, and fish in the State of Washington, do hereby apply for membership in the WEST SEATTLE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB and tender herewith the sum of \$ _____ in payment of one year's dues.

"I solemnly swear that I will abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the West Seattle Sportsmen's Club and help in its up-building and I will not willfully disobey the Game Laws wherever I fish or hunt. I will always be a true sportsman both in the field and to my brother members at all times.

Signed _____
Street Address _____
City _____, Zip _____
Phone _____
Recommended by _____

Finding Razor Clams

First look for a “clam show”. What is a clam show? That’s where a clam has withdrawn its neck or started to dig leaving a hole or dimple in the sand. There are three major kind of “shows” to look for:

dimple: a depression in the sand

doughnut: which has raised sides

keyhole: which is usually in drier sand areas and is shaped like an “hour-glass” or is a hole with very distinct sides.

Always look for the larger sized hole shown here next to a quarter. This is a good indication that the clam will be larger, but not always.

Clams will also show at the edge of the surf line when you pound the beach with a shovel handle or your foot. They may squirt sand and water out of the hole where they are located. You need to be quick when digging in the surf as razor clams dig quite fast in the soft fluid sand.



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Razor Clams Recipes

“Smoked Razor Clams”

1 limit of razor clams (cut into small pieces)
 1/2 C. oil
 1 tbsp. Liquid smoke
 2 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
 2 tbsp. lemon juice
 1 tbsp. seasoning salt
 1 tbsp. chili powder
 1 tbsp. celery salt
 1 tbsp. garlic powder

Combine and stir oil and seasonings, then add clams. Bake on cookie sheet or in shallow pan at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Stir and drain frequently, saving juice. Store clams and juice in air-tight container. Will keep in refrigerator 2-3 weeks.

Fried Clams

1 limit of clams (15)
 3 eggs
 1 cup of flour
 1 cup of cracker crumbs
 Salt and pepper to taste

Rinse clams, drain, dip in flour, egg, and roll in cracker crumbs. Using high heat, fry in 1/4 inch oil in pan. Brown quickly for one minute or until brown per side. Take out and lay out on paper towels to absorb any grease the serve.

Razor Clam Fritters

1 C. chopped razor clams (reserve the liquid)
 1 bottle flat beer
 1 1/2 C. pancake mix
 6 green onions - cut very thin, use greens
 1/2 green pepper - cut very thin
 1 stalk celery - cut very thin

Mix onions, celery, green pepper and pancake mix together. Add clams and juice to other ingredients, then add beer till you have a very thick mixture that can be dropped from spoon into hot oil at 375 . You may not need all the beer because of the clam juice. Drop by spoonful in oil - cook 2 min. per side - test, if not cooked- drop by smaller spoonfuls.

Changes in Puget Sound shrimp seasons

Action: Port Townsend Bay and Marine Area 10 will open to recreational fishing for shrimp on April 19. Shrimping will be open two days per week, Saturdays and Thursdays only. Previously, shrimping had been allowed four days per week in these areas.

Effective date: April 19, 2003

Species affected: All species of shrimp

Location: Port Townsend Bay and Marine Area 10 (North end of Vashon Island to Edmonds)

Reason for action: This is a change from the scheduled four days per week open period to two days per week. The change, approved by the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission in February 2003, is due to the rapid increase in the number of people fishing for shrimp in these two areas. This increase, coupled with small catch quotas, has created a situation where the fishing opportunity needs to be reduced.

Other information: Shrimp fishing in adjacent areas will open on April 19 for four days per week as listed in the "Fishing in Washington" rules pamphlet.

Information contact: Dave Sterritt (360) 796-4601 ext 228; Mark O'Toole (360) 466-4345 ext 241

Strong chinook, coho numbers set stage for solid salmon fishing seasons

VANCOUVER - Sport and commercial salmon-fishing seasons set for Washington's waters this summer reflect the continued strengthening of many chinook and coho salmon stocks from Puget Sound to the Columbia River, according to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW).

The federal Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC), meeting April 7-11 in Vancouver, Wash., adopted final recreational catch limits of 59,600 chinook and 225,000 coho for waters 3-200 miles off Washington's coast. By comparison, coastal recreational fishery catch limits in 2002 were 60,252 chinook and 109,630 coho.

WDFW and its salmon co-managers, the Pacific Northwest treaty Indian tribes, set fisheries for "inside" waters in conjunction with the PFMC action. Much of the recreational fishing opportunities this year will again focus on strong hatchery chinook and coho stocks, as well as an expected abundance of pink salmon.

"The co-managers have developed a comprehensive fisheries package that provides significant fishing opportunities throughout the state, while at the same time allowing for the continued protection and recovery of weak salmon stocks. The complete 2003 recreational salmon fishing package for Washington marine waters can be found at: <http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/do/newreal/apr1003a.htm>



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