

# The West Seattle Sportsman

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## The Squid are back! Call Jerry for tips on catching them.

### Volunteers Needed

We can use volunteers' to help install new range hardware. If you can help please contact Rolf Erickson, Fred Burr or Stan Mar and make arrangements to come on down.

### Fishing and Hunting Report

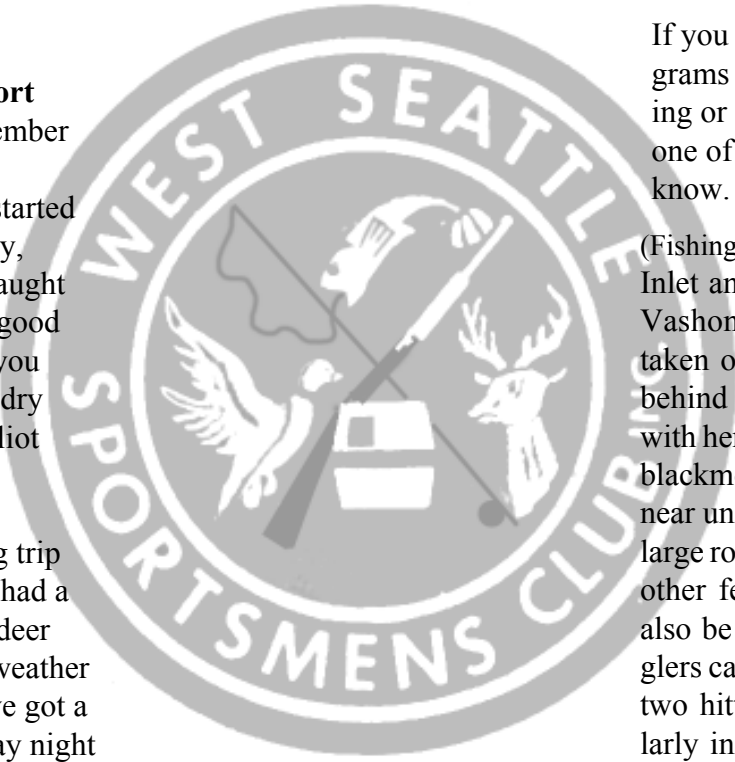
Tony Olszewski WSSC Member

**Squid fishing** has already started in Elliott Bay. I joined Jerry, Fred, Cam, and Greg and caught my first last week. I had a good time fishing for them so if you have some free time pick a dry night and go on down to Elliot Bay and give it a try.

The Northport Deer hunting trip was a winner. I believe all had a good time we brought in 5 deer before it was over and the weather held for most of it except we got a little wet during the Saturday night Pot Luck. Fred Burr was the first to bring one back to camp followed later that day by Steve Patnode. Jerry learned first hand how to clean a deer. A task he says he does not need to do again for a long while.

Our Bird hunting trip to the Wapato area in Eastern Washington was a success. Our local

guides Ryan and his friends worked us hard and we all had a great time. We shot a few Quail and Duck. We even were able to do a little practice skeet shooting as well.



**Fishing:** The big news on the saltwater is the arrival of the November **blackmouth** fishery, which runs throughout the month. Saltwater areas have a two-fish daily limit, only one of which can be a blackmouth (22-inch minimum length). They can be found throughout the region, including the San Juan Islands, at the southern end of Whidbey Island, off Camano Island, in Admiralty

## Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendar!

### November

5<sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting, Speaker at next meeting will be Dick Liedholm to talk about hunting in Alaska.

– Squid Fishing.

### December

3<sup>rd</sup> – Christmas Party at Sun-Ya Restaurant RSVP by Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>.

If you have any ideas for programs to have at the club meeting or any good outing ideas let one of the Officers or Trustees know.

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Inlet and south into the Seattle-to-Vashon area. Blackmouth can be taken on herring or spoons trolled behind a flasher, or by mooching with herring or large lures. Look for blackmouth close to the bottom and near underwater structures, such as large rock outcroppings, ledges and other features. **Chum** salmon can also be taken in saltwater, and anglers can still find a **coho** salmon or two hitting a lure or bait, particularly in the terminal marine areas. western Washington; check the sport fishing rules pamphlet for information on specific lakes.

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**RANGE REPORT**

**October 22, 2003**

As of today, September 17, all the backstops are installed and the target carriers are working. The ducting on the range side has been completely installed. All that is left to do is install the ducting in the back room, but this is a challenge and will take several more weeks. We have made progress past the air filter box, but getting parts has been slow.

Our first match is an air pistol match on the second Saturday of October. There were six shooters. The next match is the second Saturday in November.

**WDFW taking public comment on 2004-05 sport fishing rules package**

OLYMPIA - A package of proposed sportfishing rules for the 2004-05 fishing season is available for public comment.

The proposed rules, which govern the recreational harvest of game fish, food fish and shellfish, will be the focus of a public hearing before the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission during the commission's December 5 and 6 meeting at Fort Worden State Park in Port Townsend. The commission is scheduled to vote on adoption or modification of the rules package at its February 6-7 meeting in Room 172 of the Natural Resources Building in Olympia. (Continued on page 4.)



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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 charter 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 \_\_\_\_\_



## West Seattle Sportsmen's Club Christmas Party

Dec. 3, 2003  
Sun-Ya Restaurant  
605-7<sup>th</sup> South  
Seattle

Same place as last year. Cost will be the same. \$20 **per** person. This includes 1 (one) drink!

Please pre-pay in envelope provided or mail to: P O Box 16258 Sea WA 98116. We are charged for no-shows. This year we are trying something different. A \$5 gift exchange. (Only those who bring a gift will be able to participate in the exchange.)

R.S.V.P a **must** by Nov. 25, 2003

Please call Roz Mascio at (206) 937-3614 if you have any questions.

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The proposed new rules include:

**Rockfish protection options and lingcod season changes:**

Two options designed to conserve Puget Sound rockfish, one of which would close boat-based marine bottomfish fisheries and prohibit rockfish retention in shore fisheries in marine areas 5-13 when halibut, lingcod and salmon seasons are not open, as well as closing spear fishing for rockfish. The other would prohibit retention of rockfish either throughout the Sound or in specific areas where rockfish status appears most critical. The proposed lingcod rule, also aimed at protecting rockfish, would delay lingcod seasons in Puget Sound in an effort to reduce the amount of rockfish by-catch in unmonitored fisheries.

**A ban on treble hooks in Marine Areas 1-13:** Requiring anglers to use no more than two single hooks in Marine Areas 1-13, except for forage fish jigger gear, in which treble hooks would still be allowed. WDFW made a commitment during the North of Falcon salmon management process to include the proposal in the current regulation development process.

**Catch-and-release rules for salmon and steelhead:** The proposal would make it illegal in freshwater areas—except in the Buoy 10 area on the Columbia River—to remove salmon or steelhead from the water, if anglers are required to release the fish. The proposal is aimed at reducing handling stress on released fish. •

**Salmon release in Marine Areas 5-13:** The proposal would make it illegal to bring on board a vessel any salmon that is required to be released in Marine Areas 5-13. The proposal is aimed at reducing handling stress on released fish.

**Extending the closed area for catch and release fishing on over-sized sturgeon in the Columbia River, and requiring tags for sturgeon:** Two separate sturgeon rule proposals, one of which would extend an area of the Columbia River closed May 1 to July 15 to sturgeon fishing from a boat. Under the proposal the closed area, now from Bonneville Dam to Beacon Rock, would be from Bonneville Dam to the eastern tip of Skamania (Prindle) Island. This proposal is designed to provide greater protection for over-sized sturgeon near a primary spawning area. A second proposal is aimed at making it easier to enforce the annual sturgeon limit by requiring anglers to tag retained sturgeon.



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