

# The West Seattle Sportsman

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### Crabbing at Novito's

We have once again been invited to Frank Novito's place on Hood Canal for crabbing and good times on the weekend of September 20. We will be making a big pot of crab spaghetti, along with the usual array of pot luck stuff. There is room for a few RVs and tents, so let us know soon if you wish to attend. There is also a hotel in nearby Quilcene. Call Jerry Mascio for directions and more information. (206) 954-1250

### Fish Fry

At the September 3<sup>rd</sup> club meeting we will be having our Fish Fry, so come on down and enjoy some of Jerry's cooking at the Range. We have about 66 lbs of Cleaned Smelt for the fish fry. So bring your friends, relatives and even enemies to the Club meeting for a big Smelt feed.

### Cray Fishing

We are going to try and plan a Cray Fishing trip to Fred's brothers place on Lake Washington on September 13<sup>th</sup>. All interested contact Jerry for more information.

### 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.



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

### Crabbing Trip

The Crabbing Trip will be week-end of Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> (**Date Change**) at Frank Novito's place on Dabob Bay. This should be a fun event and Frank has room for RV's.

## Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendar!

Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> - Fish Fry at the Range.

Sept 13<sup>th</sup> - Cray Fishing Trip on Lake Washington. Call Jerry Mascio for info.

Sept 20<sup>th</sup> - Crab Trip to Dabob Bay at Frank Novito's place.

Oct 18<sup>th</sup> - Bird Hunting trip.

October - Dear Hunting.

November - Squid Fishing.

December - Christmas Party.

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.

### Bird Hunting

We are planning a Bird Hunting Trip to Eastern Washington on Weekend of October 18<sup>th</sup>. This is the opening day for Pheasant with Duck opening on October 11<sup>th</sup> and Quail on October 4<sup>th</sup>

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## RANGE REPORT

August 20, 2003

Both our fall Hunter Education Classes are filled.

All the new range equipment has been received, except part of the ducting. Seven of the new backstops are completely installed and the last is waiting for ducting. West Seattle Furnace, who is doing the ducting, will start building some more on 8/25. Using our temporary backstops we can now start shooting air guns again.

The old backstop has been removed. Anybody want some 1/4" steel plate? It is free for the moving.

## Hot Salmon Fishing on Vancouver Island.

By Darrell Kirk, WSSC.

When the fishing is hot, it seems the fish don't care what you use. I fished with a friend off of Vancouver Island last week and caught over 5 Salmon within a couple of hours. All were Pinks and about 3 - 5 pounds each. Not that good a fish fresh so I smoked them.

It was interesting to see the Canadians using 6 foot long leaders between the flasher and bait. This is about twice the length used on the Puget Sound. Also, they swear by what the tide is doing and pay little attention to time of day. This worked for me as I caught my fish during hot midday sun. Also, Anchovies, not Herring were the bait of the day. It really pays to see what the locals are doing in any given fishing area.



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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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, Washington, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

# Hoh Smelt Fishing

By: Jerry Mascio, WSSC.

Our recent outing to the ocean turned out to be a lot of fun for all that attended. The weather was great, and we had a good turnout. We fished Friday and Saturday, but the smelt were nowhere to be seen. It seems perhaps the season might be over. But who cares? We had a great time.

Then Mike Nies got a tip from one of the locals. It seems the smelt are all on the Indian Reservation, at the mouth of the Hoh River. So Mike and some of the guys decided to give it a try. Indeed, the smelt were there, but the tide was outgoing and therefore not pushing them up into shore where they could be netted. It was looking like we would be going home empty handed.

We decided to give it one more try Sunday morning. We drove right on to the beach and waded out with our nets. Still, the wave action was not the same as the other beaches and they were very hard to net, even with the incoming tide.

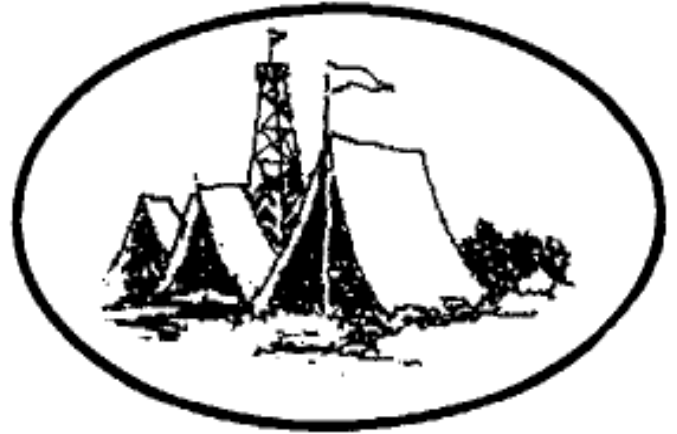
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But we were catching a few, and having a great time. Then an older Hoh Indian drove up and it looked like we were about to get kicked out of the reservation. Instead, he noticed we were not doing so well and told us we could use his net! He came back a few minutes later with a 35' gill net. We stretched the net out into the water and within minutes had all the smelt we could handle. WOW! That's the way to fish! Thanks Harry!



## A Heart Felt Thanks to West Seattle Sportsman's Club

We received thank you letters from the 2 boys we sponsored at Conservation Camp. They are reprinted below as follows:



Dear West Seattle Sportsman's Club,

Thank you for sponsoring me to go to the conservation camp at Moran State Park. Today we went on a 6 and ½ mile hike, yesterday we went to Camp Orkila to visit the aquatic center with the Marine Biology Class and learned how to make a life vest out of my pants and my T-shirt. We also flipped a boat and learned how to get back in. Wee also learned CPR on a dummy and the day after we did Archery and BB Gun shooting. I had a really good time and I thank you for it.

Sincerely, Daniel Patnode

Dear Sponsor,

I had a real great time at camp. I learned a lot. We went on a 6.5-mile hike and made some new friends. I did Archery, Swimming and CPR. We watched an Elk movie, tied flies and learned about survival. We did fly casting and ecology. It was really fun and I had a great week.

Casey Rames

P.S. Thanks again.



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