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Bowman Bay Fresh Water Fishing Derby



Bowman Bay From Campground

We only have 4 sites left for our fresh water fishing trip to Bowman Bay (near Deception Pass) on the weekend of June 4th – 6th. Come join in the fun as we start summer off with one of our best family outings. Whether you enjoy walks on the beach, good trout fishing at near by Heart Lake, Crawfishing at Pass Lake or just need a break from the daily grind you will find

it on this outing.

This year we are planning some fun for the kids like a Scavenger Hunt and a Crawfish Race. Saturday night we will have a pot luck around the campfire. The cost is \$39.00 per campsite and \$10.00 for an extra car. Spaces are limited so call Jerry Mascio at 206-937-3614 or email us at info@westseattlesportsmen.org (put "Bowman Bay" in the subject line) to reserve your site or obtain more



Saturday Evening Pot Luck

information. To insure your place on this outing Jerry will need \$39.00 to cover your camping site on a first to pay first go bases. If we fill all the sites or if you want to share a site we may be able to add more people to one site by paying the extra car fee, then splitting the cost of the site between those that are occupying the shared site. If you are interested in doing this let Jerry know and we will see what we can do.....



Setting Crawfish pots on Pass Lake

Riffe Lake Fishing Trip

Come Join us at Riffe Lake on the weekend of April 23rd thru 25th. Riffe Lake is located near the town of Mossyrock about 90 miles south of Tacoma. Riffe Lake is 23 1/2 miles long and has 53 miles of shoreline. There are plenty of fishing opportunities near the park offering both boat and bank fishing. A walkway for anglers to catch fish behind Mossyrock Dam includes handrails and pole holders. Riffe is open year round for fishing and holds a variety of fish including, land-locked coho salmon, rainbow trout, brown trout and bass.

Near by Swofford Pond is 240-acres and is stocked with rainbow and brown trout, large mouth bass, channel catfish, and bluegill. For those interested in some really big fish Mayfield Lake located below Mossrock Dam contains Tiger Muskies.

On Saturday night we will be having a potluck so plan on that as well as a good campfire to sit around and keep warm. We will be staying at Mossyrock Park located on Riffe Lake. The park has both sites with water and electric hook-ups and without. There is a restroom with showers, a play-

ground is available for youngsters and there is a 4-lane boat launch at the park with loading docks. Camping fees are \$22 per night for hook-ups, \$16 for none hook-up sites and \$11 for walk-in sites. There will be no need for reservations this time of year but we would like to get an idea of who will be going on this outing. So please call Roz Mascio at 206-937-3614 or email us at info@westseattlesportsmen.org (put "Riffe Lake" in the subject line) to let us know you are going or obtain more information.....

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Lake Sawyer's East Shore, a good bet for Bass now!

(Taken from an article by Jeremy Thurston in *Fishing and Hunting News*)

Bass will be moving back and forth between their winter holes and the shallows. If you're tired of the big water of Lake Washington, try Lake Sawyer.

"Sawyer is good all-around for early-season bass," says Tom Pollack at Auburn Sports and Marine.

One of the niceties of bass fishing this time of year is that you don't have to be up at the crack of dawn.

"In these small lakes, the fish only have to travel about 50 yards to get into the shallows," Pollack says. "So on sunny days you'll see the fish move shallow. You really don't want to be fishing until about 12, when the sun's at its highest."

Even though the bass will be moving about, the water still won't have warmed enough to kick their metabolisms into high gear. You need to get your lure in their face and then let it stay for a moment to elicit a strike. Stick with darker colors like blue, black or brown.

A jig-n-pig or a slow-sinking Senko suits this situation well. Try fishing the Senko without any weight.

Sun hits the eastern shoreline of Sawyer first, so focus your efforts there. If it's a

cloudy day or you're out early and the bass are still deep, try dragging a football jig with a Yamamoto grub or drop-shot a finesse jig.

Lake Sawyer is east of Auburn. Follow the Auburn-Black Diamond road to Lake Sawyer road and go left.

Other nearby lakes worth giving a try include Desire, Spring and Shadow. Gas-powered motors are not allowed on any of these lakes.



Youth Conservation Camp

Each year we sponsor 1 boy and 1 girl to go to Conservation Camp on Orcas Island. Conservation Camp is held in July with girls going July 18-24 and boys going July 25-31. Children will participate in training and field activities such as Wildlife & Habitat Management, Firearm & Archery Safety, Hiking & Outdoor Survival, Fly Tying & Casting, Ecology & Water Safety, First Aid & CPR, and Leadership & Team Work. As a way to determine whom we will send, we will have a little essay-writing contest. All your children need to do is write in 100 words or less "Why I Want To Go To Camp" and turn it into the board of trustees by May 31st.

The board of trustees will select 1 boy and

1 girl from the entries received as the winners. The contest is open to all children ages 12 to 16. Entries may be turned in, to any officer or trustee on or before May 31st or by mailing to:

The West Seattle Sportsmen's Club
P.O. Box 16258
Seattle, WA 98116

Entries must be postmarked no later than May 28th 2004.

This camp offers a wonderful learning experience for children so even if your child does not win you may want to send him or her on your own. The cost of camp is around \$250 and if you are interested you may contact Marian Barker @ 253-761-0306 evenings and weekends or Lonnie McCann @ 253-531-4072.....

Fishing Riffe Lake

There is a bank fishing area just upstream from the dam beyond Mossyrock, on the east side, right on the side of hiway 12.

Another good non-boat area is on the east

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Events Calendar

April 7th - Club Meeting 7 PM
April 23rd-25th - Riffe Lake Outing
May 5th - Club Meeting
May 15th - Shrimping at Steve's
May 31st - Clam Dig
June 2nd - Clam Bake at Alki
June 4th-6th - Bowman Bay Outing

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. You may contact us at

info@westseattlesportsmen.org

Up coming Small bore & Air Matches

Apr 24	Puyallup	Junior Outdoor Championships
May 7	Wenatchee	Junior Air Rifle Match
May 8- 9	Wenatchee	Junior Outdoor Championships
Jun 5-6	Tacoma	Schutzenfest / NRA 3-P Championship
Jun 12-13	Tacoma	CanAm Prone
Jun 26-27	Puyallup	NRA 3-P Regional
Jul 10-11	Tacoma	Koehler Memorial Prone
Aug 20-22	Tacoma	State Smallbore Int. Camp & PTO
Sept 11	Puyallup	State 4-H Championship
Sept 11-12	Tacoma	State Conventional Prone Championship
Sept 18-19	Tacoma	State Outdoor International Championship

Junior Shooting Matches

On the weekend of March 6th - 7th the Rodger Dahl Range put on a NRA 3-Position Sectional and a NRA 3-Position Precision Air Rifle Sectional. In the 3-Position Sectional over all match winner was Cameron Hicks with a score of 571 23X, in second place was our own Ronni Oberloh with a score of 564 23X, and third place went to Jamie Pennington with a 556 17X.

In the Junior Category Randy Baker took first place, and Robby Dyer took second.

In the Intermediate Junior Category Darcie Estep took first place, Harley Jette took second place and Robbie Cramer took third place.

In the Sub-Junior Category our own Tim Mar took first place and second place went to Ryan Prewitt.

In the 3-Position Precision Air Rifle Sectional over all match winner was

our own Ronni Oberloh with a score of 578 33X.

In the Junior Category First Place went to our own Logan McBride with a score of 559 20X.

In the Sub-Junior Category first place went to our own Tim Mar with a score of 542 14X.

In the Junior ROTC Category first place went to Rodney VanDeGrift with a score of 545 20X. Congratulations to all!

THE WEST SEATTLE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

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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.

New

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

WEST SEATTLE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

Renewal

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 _____, Email _____

Recommended by _____

(New Only)

If you would like to receive the Club News Letter by email check here.



Fishing Riffe Lake Continued from page 2

end of the lake near Taidnapam Park . This is a fishing bridge. Fishing can be from the bank, or from a non-moving boat. Many still-fishermen use cocktail shrimp with a bit of Power-Bait. The shrimp is put in a micro-wave for a couple of minutes to toughen them up so they will stay on the hook better. Drop the bait to the bottom & then bring it up a few feet.

Boat fishermen usually troll. A depth-finder us usually needed to locate the depth of the fish., and then troll at that depth. Usually this depth is around 50 feet. You may be able to do this with a weight on your line. However many times you may need a down-rigger to achieve the desired depth.

Lures & rigging include -

Wedding ring spinner

Flatfish

Rapella

Heidebrandt double blade spinners with a rudder & flatfish about 12" behind

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Heidebrandt double blade spinners with a rudder & Power Bait & shrimp about 12" behind

Small dodger, with a Apex Kokanee Special plug, either red or chrome.

Some fishermen use a small snubber on the line before the dodger when using the downrigger. This snubber is then pierced a few times on the rear, & injected with a scent. The thought here is the snubber acts as a reservoir & leaks the scent out over a long period of time.

Bank Fishermen There are many places to bank fish on this lake, but probably the 2 most popular are at the upstream side of the dam right off Hiway 12. & the fishing bridge at the upper end of the lake near Taidnapam Park.....

Stuff For Sale

Wanted 23 foot Travel Trailer call Jerry at 206-719-3528.



For Sale Lowrance LMS350A GPS/ Fishfinder. Transom mount transducer and 5 channel external GPS head. \$400.00. Contact Cam Robison at 206-431-8337.

For Sale Texan, FW, 12 GA., Manual Reloading Press. The only thing missing are the tops to the powder and shot tubes, otherwise it's in real good shap. Call Tom at 206-935-1064, Evenings, or just leave a message. Price is \$50.00

If you have something you would like to list in this section please send an email to "info@westseattlesportsmen.org" listing the item or items you would like to sell, the price, and your contact information. Put "Stuff For Sale" in the Subject line of your email. Keep in mind that this comes out only once a month. In order to be listed in the coming month's newsletter you will need to have your ad emailed to us no later than the 20th of the prior month.....



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