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SEASON'S GREETINGS

Game Unit Maps & Information

Now Online *From WDFW web site*

Washington hunters and other outdoor enthusiasts now can point and click to find maps of game-management units and wildlife recreation areas, with the launch of Go-Hunt, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's (WDFW) newest interactive information site.

GoHunt can be accessed at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/mapping/gohunt/index.html>.

"GoHunt is an important milestone in our on-going effort to deliver user-friendly fish and wildlife information to citizens," said WDFW Director Jeff Koenings, PhD.

The site was designed to include features requested by hunters and other citizens, Koenings said.

The site's interactive features allow users to view maps and retrieve game-harvest information by specific county, game-management unit (GMU), deer- or elk-management unit, pheasant-release site or other user-defined area. Map-view options display aerial photography, topographic features, county lines, roads and streams.

The site allows users to download black-and-white GMU maps for commercial printing in a 24-by-36-inch format. In addition to hunters, other outdoor recreationists can find useful map displays of major public lands, including WDFW wildlife areas and water-access sites.

Besides maps, GoHunt also offers game-harvest statistics back to 2001 and allows users to retrieve harvest

data by area or species and view information on hunter effort and success.

In the future, the GoHunt site will be upgraded with additional interactive features that will display hunting seasons and regulations by specific GMUs and detail the features and amenities of specific WDFW wildlife areas and water-access sites, said Mick Cope, who helped coordinate development of the website for the WDFW Wildlife Program.

GoHunt was developed with funding from the Legislature, hunting license fees and a grant from the National Shooting Sports Foundation, and in cooperation with the Washington Department of Natural Resources and Department of Transportation.†

Blackmouth

Taken from a Fishing and Hunting News article by John Keizer of SalmonUniveristy.com

November reports have shown some nice Blackmouth coming the Clay Banks near Point Defiance. Anglers trolling or mooching the 90 to 125 foot water have been scoring fish.

After the early fish were taken during the morning tide change, many anglers started moving to surrounding areas and picked up fish near the mouth of Quarter-

master Harbor. Most salmon were ranging from 22-inch size up to 7 to 10 lb. Troll or mooch the Clay Banks on the out going tide. This area is located between the park on Owen Beach and runs to just east of the lighthouse at Point Defiance. If you're a moocher, set up to drift about 50 yards west of Owen Beach. If it's early (around dawn) try the 90 foot line. As it gets lighter, continue to move deeper. Drift with the current toward the lighthouse. As you fall

off into deeper water, pickup and make the drift again. Work your cut-plug herring, which means lots of reel action: Hit bottom, crank up slowly, then drop to bottom and repeat. Watch for those fish that pick up on the drop. If your line slacks and you're not on the bottom, reel like mad and when you feel tension, set the hook! Trollers were having good luck with glow Kingfisher spoons and glow hoochie squid combinations. †

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Club Members' Passing

The West Seattle Sportsmen's Club wishes to extend condolences to the families of Fred Hutchison and Lloyd Jeter. Both were long time members of the West Seattle Sportsmen's Club and will be deeply missed.

Fred Hutchinson was born February 3, 1929, Passed away November 1, 2004 after a 16 year battle with cancer. The family suggests remembrances to Arbor Heights School Outdoor Ed Fund, 3701 S.W. 104th, Seattle, WA. 98146.

Lloyd L. Jeter was born on July 10, 1914, Passed away on November 11, 2004. He was an avid outdoors man, hunting and fishing all his life, and was an active member of the West Seattle Sportsman's Club for decades. Lloyd loved children and combined his love of the outdoors with his love for kids in two ways. He taught firearm safety to youngsters at the West Seattle Firing Range and ran



Fred Hutchinson 1929-2004

the kids fishing derby during Hi-Yu, both for many years. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Childhaven, 316 Broadway, Seattle, WA 98122. Memories of Lloyd are welcome mailed to his nephew, Steve Palmer, 12661 Shorewood Drive SW, Burien, WA 98148.

My apologies for not picturing Lloyd here but was unable to obtain one for this issue. †

Range Report

The new Turning Targets for Pistol are in work, they will be radio controlled and battery powered.

The Moving Target we were thinking of getting from the Wenatchee Club is on hold for now, they want more than we are willing to pay for it at this time.

Our Air Pistol program seems to be really taking off. There were 20 shooters for our last Saturday Open Air Pistol match. Fred Burr has a new junior pistol to try out; they run around \$400, use CO₂ and are much lighter than the others we have. If you would like to try it out come down on Tuesday night and give it a try. Fred can order more of these pistols for a limited time.

Winter rifle league starts the first of the New Year on Tuesday Nights. During winter league the Tuesday night Air Gun practice will be suspended until Winter Rifle League and Spring Pistol League end. For more information on Winter Rifle League or if you would like to shoot in it contact Richard George. †

Tips for shotgun hunters

Taken from Fishing & Hunting News written by Barry Winslow

If you're a wingshooter of any kind - whether you hunt dove, duck, grouse or pheasant - pat yourself on the back. Those of us who take shotgun in hand to pursue feathered beasts of the air hold up the entire economy of our great nation from the first week of September to well past Christmas every year. Shotgun manufacturers love us. That's because most of us don't shoot as well as we need to, yours truly included. And while we make all kinds of excuses when the birds keep flying after our attempts to knock them down, most of the fault lies with us as

shooters, not with the gun, shells, chokes etc.

Do yourself a favor right now. Go to the gun safe and pick out a shotgun you use a lot on birds. Make sure it's devoid of ammunition and that you can swing the gun without knocking anything over, or pointing the gun at something you don't want to shoot. Now, with an empty gun in a safe spot, mount the gun on an imaginary bird, swing and follow through. Don't worry about a smooth swing, trigger squeeze or any of the other mechanics of the shot, except one. Concentrate on where your cheek is and what part of the barrel you can see. If your cheek is not down on the stock, in direct con-

tact, with your shooting eye low and looking directly at the bead or rib on top of the barrel, your bird just got away. If you got it right, chances are your hit percentage on birds of all types is pretty high. However, after spending a great deal of time shooting clay birds and hunting real ones with quite a few different folks, I must say a majority of us just failed that little test. The reason for this problem is relatively simple. We Americans, for the most part, are a nation of riflemen. We put a lot of effort into shooting rifles well, spending hours at the range and loading bench experimenting with all sorts of factors to squeeze every last

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Up coming Small bore & Air Matches

Dec 11	West Seattle	Open Air Pistol
Jan 8	West Seattle	Open Air Pistol

Range Hours and Activity

Monday - Small Bore - 6 PM
Tuesday - Air Rifle/Pistol - 6:30 PM
Wednesday - Juniors - Call Fred Burr at 206-935-4883 for information.
Cost: Adult members \$2.00, non-members \$4.00, Juniors \$1.00.

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 actioned 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 person 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.

Events Calendar

- Dec 2nd - Club Meeting / Christmas Party at Filiberto's Italian Restaurant
- Dec - Squid Fishing
- Jan 5th - Club Meeting (How to make Game Sausage)
- Feb 4th - Big Game Dinner

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

 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 newsletter by email check here.



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quarter-minute of accuracy from our rifles. But we look at shotguns as imprecise pipes that throw clouds of pellets in a broad circle, and therefore they don't have to be aimed. And since we think we don't really need to pay attention to aiming, we don't. Then we get out in the woods or on the dove field and the birds are flying. They're coming into range - wait, they're coming in closer, coming right down the barrel - is the gun on them? Great, we see the whole barrel and the muzzle is moving ahead of the bird. Now, shoot now! One shot, maybe two and the bird is still in the air. If anything, it's flying faster. What happened? Remember where we saw the whole barrel? That's what happened. Pick up the gun again. Redo the exercise I outlined earlier. The only part of the barrel you should see is the top, with your focus on the bead or the end of the barrel. Only after you master keeping your head low on the comb of the stock do you need to address all the other mechanics of hitting a flying target.

Also remember that a shotgun, while throwing many projectiles, generally does not "scatter" them like an old-time farmer throwing seed. The amount the pellets spread depends on the choke they're fired through, as well as the

size, density and hardness of the shot. However, even a cylinder-bored gun must be directed with a modicum of precision for the pellets to find their target. That is why you must use the bead.

Like most of the other skills involved in good shooting, proper "head mounting" on the shotgun is very simple, but very easy to screw up if we don't practice a lot. The best practice is several thousand rounds on the clays range before hunting season starts. If that's impossible, at least try to shoot some clay birds a week or two before bird season, and rack up lots of dry fire practice in the meantime.

To practice without ammo, take the same unloaded gun to the same place we talked about before. Take up your shooting stance and mount the gun. Remember, when you're leading a flying bird you're aiming at a point in the sky where the shot charge will be when the bird gets there. That's essentially what "aiming" with the shotgun is. Practice until it's time to go hunting, every night for 15 minutes or so. This practice will build muscle memory to the point that after a while you won't even have to tell yourself to get your head down. It will pay off in the field because if you have to think about it then, you will miss.†

Stuff For Sale



For Sale - 7' X 13' Dog Kennel, \$100.00 or best offer, Call Tom at 206-935-1064

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 shape. 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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