



The West Seattle Sportsman

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Big Game Dinner

The Big Game Dinner will be held on Friday February 6th at the West Seattle American Legion Post 160 Hall, 3618 SW Alaska, Seattle, WA (same place as last year).

Our evening will start with Appetizers featuring Smoked Salmon, Smelt, Squid, Salmon Spread and Venison Sausage.

Our dinner will feature Roast Venison, Venison Meatloaf, Venison Chile, Beef Ribs, Halibut, Pheasant, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy and Salad. For desert we will have fresh made Doughnuts.

After dinner we will have our raffle drawings for items such as a Fishing Rod and Reel, Crab Pot, Craw Fish Pot, S&W 8 X 21 Binocular, S&W 10 X 25 Binocular, Table Top Gas Grill, Macrame Lawn Chair, S&W Extreme Ops Pocket Knife, and Much, Much More!

Raffle Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and will be available at the door.

Doors will open and appetizers will be served starting at 6 PM with dinner at 7 PM. Tickets will be available at the door or may be ordered by mail using the attached Membership Renewal and Big Game Dinner Advanced Ticket Order Form. If Advance ordering tickets please order soon enough that we have time to send you your tickets through the mail. We really appreciate you buying your tickets in advance, as this helps make things go smoother at the door. Ticket prices are \$15.00 each and children 14 and under are free.

Lake Washington Sockeye

The following is taken from a guest opinion in the Washington Fishing and Hunting News written by Frank Urabeck a Representative of Trout Unlimited. It's starting to look like there may be a Lake Washington summer Sock-

eye fishery, and what may be a record return of these extremely popular Salmon.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife had stated they did not have enough money in their budget to manage the fishery but thankfully the governor and legislator have approved \$120,000 for WDFW to administer the fishery and we now wait until they set the season.

For the future, to achieve the benefits of a state-of-the-art Cedar River sockeye hatchery, we must let Seattle, King County and 4WDFW know that we are opposed to the delay tactics of a ex-King County employee, Roz Glasser. Glasser, supported by some current county Department of Natural Resources staff is seeking to divert City of Seattle monies set aside for the permanent hatchery to questionable projects in the lower river as compensation for fish habitat losses resulting from **See Sockeye on page 4**

Renew Your Club Membership now

With the new year comes this reminder that it's time to pay your due again. Dues are \$25.00 and with that you get this great newsletter once a month, fun club outings, special events and reduced range fees at our range.

We even manage to get an occasional guest speaker now and again. So please bring your dues to the next club meeting or mail to the:
West Seattle Sportsmen's Club
P.O. Box 16258
Seattle, WA 98116

Oops!

Last month we incorrectly listed the Junior Olympic Air Rifle 3-P Championship in Olympia as being on Feb 21st. The actual date is Feb 28th. We are sorry for any confusion this may have caused.

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Club Meeting Highlights January 7th 2004

The club meeting started with all having Squid, Smelt, French Fries and Corn bread. Many thanks to Jerry and Roz Mascio for cooking up a great feed.

Club Officer Elections - Motion was raised to keep the same officers as last year and seconded. The motion was bought to a vote of the members present and passed. So we will have the same officers this year as last, they are President – Steve Patnode, Vice Pres. – Cam Robison, Secretary – Tony Olszewski, Treasurer – Fred Burr, and Recording Secretary – Richard George.

We discussed the planning of several club outings in the coming months, 1 being the fresh water fishing trip to Bowman Bay possibly the first weekend in June, a possible Razor Claming trip if the season opens in April, and a possible fish-

ing trip to eastern Washington in May.

Jerry Mascio brought up that it would be nice to have a booklet made up with each member's name, address, phone number, email address and a picture. Mike and Greg will attempt to get pictures of all club members at the Big Game Dinner for this book.

Richard George brought up that we were still sending Newsletters to many members that have not paid there last years dues. It was decided that we would send them one last newsletter informing them that it was there last one unless they renew their 2004 membership.

We awarded a certificate to those club members that helped during the range remodel; it will be mounted on the wall at the range.

The meeting ended with those who wanted to try out the new range doing so.

RANGE REPORT

By Fred Burr

Starting on February 7 & 8 we will be starting the various NRA sectional matches.

February 7 & 8 - Open Air Rifle and Pistol Sectional. This is open to all ages.

February 15 & 16 - Junior 4-position and Junior air rifle.

March 6 & 7 - Junior 3-position and Junior 3-position air rifle.

March 27 - Cub match. This is for the beginning shooters

Our next Hunter Education Class starts on February 19th and runs through the 22nd. At this time it is about half full. **Call to reserve a spot. Do not wait till fall.**



Up coming Small bore & Air Matches

Feb 1	Centralia	100-Shot Offhand
Feb 7-8	Roger Dahl	Open Air Rifle Sectional
Feb 14-15	Roger Dahl	Junior 4-P Air Sectional
Feb 15	Centralia	Open 4-P Sectional
Feb 21	Puyallup	Junior 60-Shot 3-P
Feb 28	Olympia	Junior Olympic Air Rifle 3-P Championship
Mar 6 -7	Roger Dahl	Junior 3-P & 3-P Air Rifle Sectionals
Mar 14	Centralia	State 4-P Championship (West)
Mar 27	Roger Dahl	Cub Match (prone & kneeling)
Apr 24	Puyallup	Junior Outdoor Championships
May 7	Wenatchee	Junior Air Rifle Match
May 8-9	Wenatchee	Junior Outdoor Championships

Events Calendar

February 6th – Big Game Dinner
 March 3rd - Club Meeting
 April 23-25 - Possible Riffe Lake Fishing Trip
 June 4-6 - 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.

Columbia River smelt season opened Jan. 1, 2004

Action: Columbia River and tributary smelt season opens January 1, 2004.

Effective date: January 1, 2004 through March 31, 2004.

Mainstem Columbia is open 7 days per week and 24 hours per day. Washington tributaries are open 7

days per week during the hours of 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Species affected: Columbia River smelt (eulachon)

Location: The Columbia River and tributaries below Bonneville Dam.

Reason for action: Abundance and productivity indices support a Level 3 fishery, as described in the "Washington and Oregon Eulachon

Management Plan" for the Columbia River.

Other information: No license is required. Daily limit is 20 pounds per person (about 2/3 of a 5-gallon bucket). Dip net gear only. Please remember to respect private property.

Information contact: Call the WDFW Region 5 office, at (360) 696-6211. Press *1010 for regulations and current fishing reports.

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.

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 _____, Email _____

Recommended by _____

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



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past county land-use and flood-control decisions.

However, the city is on the hook with the state, federal government and the tribes to build a hatchery as mitigation for the blockage of some 17 miles of spawning waters above their Landsburg Dam. Located 22 miles upstream from Lake Washington, the dam is where the city diverts water for municipal use.

The hatchery would make possible more frequent and more robust red salmon fisheries. Unfortunately, due to a partially successful appeal of a project environmental impact statement by Glasser, the facility has been delayed by at least a year with operation now expected by 2006. Glasser appealed the EIS in April 2003 with the Seattle hearing examiner ruling in November that the city must prepare a supplemental EIS providing a "worst case" assessment of possible project

impacts. The supplemental EIS is expected to be available for public review by summer.

In the meantime, Glasser continues to lobby the city council to drop funding for the project and not even complete the supplemental EIS. The council and the mayor's office need to hear from sport fishing stakeholders that support the hatchery. Contact Councilman Jim Compton, chairman of the Utilities Committee (206-684-8802).

If you want to fish this summer, you need to become engaged this winter in two things. The first is the process by which the state Fish and Wildlife Commission sets the policy governing 2004's salmon fisheries. Known as "North of Falcon," public input is sought on policies and fishing options through a series of public meetings. See WDFW's Web site (wdfw.wa.gov) for meeting dates and location. Sports' equal sharing with tribal fishers of the harvestable

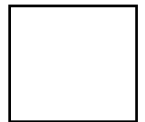
portion of the 2004 run should be advocated during this process. Also, contact Pat Pattillo, WDFW's NOF staffer, to provide input (360-902-2705; PATTIPLP@dfiv.wa.gov).

The second is to contact your legislators and ask that they support the supplemental budget that has \$120,000 earmarked for the management of a 2004 Lake Washington sport fishery on sockeye salmon.

It is also important to contact Sen. Bob Oke, chair of Senate Parks, Fish & Wildlife Committee; and Representative Mike Cooper, chair of House Fisheries, Ecology and Parks Committee to ask them to work the Senate and House budget committees to gain the funds. Both of these chairmen have been supportive of sport fisheries, as have former senator and candidate for governor, Dino Rossi and Speaker of the House Frank Chopp. Both Rossi and Chopp advocated for the Cedar River sockeye hatchery.



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & BIG GAME DINNER ADVANCE TICKET ORDER FORM

Renew your Club Membership and/or advance order your Big Game Dinner Tickets by Filling out the attached form and mailing it back with your Check or Money Order to the:

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Or you may bring to the next Club Meeting and turn in there. Your Membership Card will be mailed back to you along with any Big Game Dinner tickets you order.

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Membership Renewal	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Club Membership Renewal	Price \$25.00
Big Game Dinner Ticket Order	
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Total: \$ _____	
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Clip along dashed lines and return with your payment

