



The West Seattle Sportsman

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Chronic Wasting Disease

Chronic wasting disease (CWD), a progressive, fatal illness of deer and elk, has not been found in Washington's wildlife, despite on-going testing of hundreds of animals. However, the disease has gained national attention after being discovered in at least 12 other states (Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, South Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, and Utah) and the Canadian provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

There is no scientific evidence at this time to suggest that CWD can be transmitted from deer or elk to humans. However, much remains unknown about the way the disease is spread and hunters may wish to take basic precautions in dressing and handling deer and elk.

This webpage <http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/cwd/index.htm> was created as part of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's overall effort to educate the public about chronic wasting disease. Besides basic facts about the disease, this site includes information on continued disease testing of Washington wild deer and elk and links to other federal and state websites on chronic wasting disease.

Hunter Precautions

Chronic wasting disease has **not** been found in Washington, and there currently is no scientific evidence of CWD being transmitted from deer or elk to humans. However, hunters who wish to take additional precautions may choose to avoid consuming the brain, spinal cord, eyes, spleen, pancreas, or lymph nodes of harvested deer and elk, since the CWD prion accumulates in these

tissues. As always, WDFW advises hunters to avoid harvesting any animal that appears sick or is behaving strangely, to wear rubber gloves while field dressing game, and to thoroughly wash hands and equipment after processing carcasses.

WDFW seeks hunters' help in North Puget Sound deer disease screening

OLYMPIA - Hunters in the North Puget Sound area have an opportunity this fall to win a hunting rifle while they help the state monitor for chronic wasting disease in deer, under a joint effort by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and Safari Club International (SCI). Hunters who notify WDFW after harvesting deer in Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, King, San Juan
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Club Meeting

The next club meeting will be Wednesday October 6th. We will be discussing our upcoming Deer and Bird hunting trips. Deer hunting will again be to the Northport area in Northeastern Washington October 15th – 17th (or longer). To reserve a spot at the RV Park in Northport contact Steve Patnode. The Bird hunting trip will be in the Wapato area either October 29th – 31st or November 5th – 7th. Actual dates to be set based on what works best with our hosts over in Wapato.

Club Officer Elections

Club officer elections will be in December with nominations happening at the November Club Meeting. If you are interested in running for an office or wish to nominate someone for office be sure to be at the November meeting.

Hunters could face penalties on import of some bone-in deer, elk carcasses

OLYMPIA - With early fall hunting seasons opening soon in some areas of the country, Washington hunters are cautioned they could face penalties for bringing home bone-in deer

or elk carcasses or body parts harvested from areas where chronic wasting disease (CWD) is present in wild-animal populations.

The Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission last week adopted restrictions on importation of bone-in deer and elk carcasses or body parts harvested in Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico, Wisconsin, Illinois, South Dakota, Nebraska and the Canadian province of Saskatchewan, all of which have chronic wasting disease in the wild deer and/or elk

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Youth Conservation Camp

We received thank you notes from the campers we sponsored to go to Youth Conservation Camp. They are shown below.

Dear West Seattle sportsman club
Thank you for the opportunity for letting me come to the camp. I am learning alot. On the first day after the ferry ride it was slow. On the second day we had our first classes I had Ecology and CPR and water safety I learned alot of stuff. One Tuesday I went on a hiking trip, it was 6 and a half miles I seen a waterfall. Thank you again.
Sincerely
Nate Frost

Dear West Seattle Sportsman Club,
Thanks for sending me to camp, it has been the best part of my summer so far. I played alot of basketball, I also played against counselors and lost but had fun. We did swimming, C.P.R., and ziplining wich was a killer but interesting.
Sincerely
Eric Smiley Davis
P.S. This camp is so fun I might wanna come back.

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or Island counties, and allow the department to collect a brain-stem tissue sample from the animal, will have a chance to win a hunting rifle donated by Safari Club International.

Hunters are asked to promptly notify WDFW at (425) 379-2319 if they harvest a deer in the north Puget Sound area. A department biologist will arrange to meet the reporting hunter and collect a tissue sample for testing. All participating hunters who submit viable samples from deer 16 months or older will be entered in a drawing for a new Ruger hunting rifle in a caliber of their choice donated by the Northwest Chapter of Safari Club International.

The state has been monitoring deer and elk for chronic wasting disease since 1995 and so far all 2,287 animals checked have been found free of the disease. However, relatively few samples have been collected from deer in the North Puget Sound area.

The shortage of samples there led WDFW and the Safari Club to offer the special incentive program.

"Removal of the brain-stem tissue sample has no effect on carcass quality, but since brain tissue breaks down rapidly, hunters should contact us promptly after harvesting a deer," said Briggs Hall, WDFW wildlife veterinarian.

A fatal disease of the central nervous system in deer and elk, CWD has been found in 12 other states and two Canadian provinces.

Up coming Small bore & Air Matches

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| Oct 2-3 | Olympia | Smallbore & Air Rifle Coach School |
| Oct 9 | West Seattle | Open Air Pistol |
| Nov 6-7 | Olympia | State Indoor Int'l 3-P Championship (West) |
| Nov 13 | West Seattle | Open Air Pistol |
| Dec 11 | 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

- Oct 6th - Club Meeting
- Oct 15th - 17th - Deer Hunting Trip To Northport
- Oct 29th - 31st or Nov 5th - 7th - Bird Hunting Trip
- Nov 3rd - Club Meeting / Nominations for club Officer positions.

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 News Letter by email check here.



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populations. The bone-in carcass restriction was prompted by recent research studies in Colorado and Wyoming which showed that the infective agents that cause chronic wasting disease can transfer from decomposing carcasses into the soil and then infect healthy deer. WDFW staff recommended the restriction on bone-in carcasses from CWD-endemic areas as a precaution to minimize the risk of introducing the disease into Washington deer or elk populations.

Violation of the rule, which takes effect Sept. 1., is a gross misdemeanor carrying a maximum penalty of a \$5,000 fine or a year in jail.

"This is the time of year when many hunters are making their travel plans for fall hunts, and we want to alert them that they may also need to make plans to have their game butchered before heading home," said Jerry Nelson, deer and elk manager for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW).

Hunters are still allowed to bring back de-boned deer and elk meat from the CWD-affected regions, as well as finished taxidermy mounts; skulls, antlers and teeth with all soft tissue removed; and hides or capes without heads attached. Whole, bone-in deer and elk carcasses and parts can also be brought back to Washington if they were harvested from states or provinces where CWD is not present in wild-animal populations.

The new rule is consistent with recommendations WDFW has been making to hunters for the past two years and is similar to guidelines imposed in states with CWD. Fifteen other states and one Canadian province have already regulated the importation of hunter-harvested deer and elk parts.

A disease of the central nervous system in deer and elk, CWD is a prion disease related to so-called "mad cow" disease in cattle and scrapie in sheep.

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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