



The West Seattle Sportsman

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Hunting Trips Planned for October

With fall coming soon it's time to start planning our fall Deer and Bird hunting trips. We will be having a Deer Hunting trip to the North Port area in North Eastern Washington (about a 9 to 10 hour drive from Seattle) and are thinking about doing another trip on the same weekend a little closer to home, maybe the Centralia area. If you have any other good places to go bring your ideas to the next meeting and let us know. If you are interested in going on the North Port trip and wish to reserve a spot at the RV Park there, contact Steve Patnode for more information.

Our Bird Hunting trip will be to either the Wapato area or possibly the Brewster area in Eastern Washington. Last years trip was to the Wapato area, while we did not get

to many birds, we did have a lot of fun and had the benefit of some local farmers to help us gain access to private land to hunt on as well as a free place to camp.

The Deer hunting trip will be the Weekend of October 15th – 17th and Bird hunting will be October 22nd – 24th or 29th - 31st.

Crabbing at Frank's

The weekend of September 17th – 19th will be our annual Crabbing trip to Frank Novito's place on Dabob Bay. Frank has room for several RV's and we will be catching and cooking the crab at or near his place. Saturday night we will be having a potluck featuring Crab and Spaghetti. Please bring a Salad, Fruit, Vegetables or Dessert as your potluck item.



See our web site's Event Calendar for directions. Frank's Address is

3684 Lindsey Hill Rd., Quilcene, WA. (yellow house at bend of road).

Club Meeting, Fish Fry and Turkey Talk

At 7 PM Wednesday, September 1st is our club meeting and annual fish fry. We will be having deep Fried Smelt and Halibut cooked up fresh by our fry chef Jerry Mascio. So bring your friends and family and enjoy some of our fresh caught smelt and Fred's halibut from Alaska.

We have a guest speaker coming to this meeting as well. He is Len Brandt, president of the Washington State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. Len will tell us how and where to hunt for Turkey in Washington and what his organization does.

'Super fat' 'bows at Wannacut'

The following is from Fishing and Hunting News written by Leroy Ledeboer

"I've never seen rainbows this big by this time in the summer," Brian Anderson at Wannacut's Sun Cove Resort (509-476-2223) told me in early August. "Our yearlings are already top-ping 15 inches and they're super fat, more like the fish we usually see in mid-October. It has to be that pro-longed damselfly hatch we had in the late

spring and early summer. The rainbows absolutely gorged on those, and they're about pure protein."

As usually happens on Wannacut, August fishing was comparatively slow, particularly when a couple of thunder-storms disturbed its waters. Power Bait anglers could still pull rainbows out of 50- to 60-foot waters, but they had to play a patience game. Once the cooler weather of September and October arrives, that should all change.

"With each cold night you'll see the rainbows moving up, but in September you might still have to troll at 30 to 35 feet to get into them," Anderson says. "Well, actually, that's only to get into the bigger fish. All those little rainbows they planted in May, which will be 6 to 7 inches by then, will drive you crazy if you fish the upper waters."

Go deeper with downriggers or heavy-gauge leaded lines, though, and you should be *Continued Page 2*

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Smelting Trip Report

Our Smelting trip to Beach 4 on the coast was a big success. After a little mix up at the RV Park on the number of sites we had was straightened out we had a great time. The weather was good and we had a lot of members show up for the event. With about 10 families there we had lots of smelters, smelt cleaners and watchers.

Saturday was our big smelting day with members, family and friends pitching in to scoop those tasty little



silver morsels out of the surf. Some members I'm told, found the

surf so refreshing that they even tried back floating in it! You can ask Mary Erickson how that went. Once back at camp came the fun of cleaning those buckets full of smelt. Using an assembly line method it went pretty fast with some slitting and others gutting and packing. That night we cooked up some of our catch, enjoyed a big potluck and *Continued Page 4*



Getting ready to catch some fish



Watch out for those waves Mary!

Up coming Small bore & Air Matches

Sept 11	Puyallup	State 4-H Championship
Sept 11-12	Tacoma	State Conventional Prone Championship
Sept 18-19	Tacoma	State Outdoor International Championship
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

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.

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in for a real treat. Silver-bladed Rooster Tails, frog-pattern FlatFish or Kwikfish, and Wedding Ring-crawler rigs are the lake's standards, but by mid-September you can be into a real dragonfly hatch, so any fly that simulates a helgrammites, such as a brown Woolly Bugger, can be deadly.

"Everything is about two weeks ahead of schedule right now, so we

could be into a better trolling bite a little earlier, say by the last week of August," Anderson says.

Birds and bucks: Andersen's also pleased with the bird life he's seeing around Wannacut. This year's spring grouse hatch didn't get hit by freezing rains, so numbers look pretty solid.

"We have lots of grouse right around the lake, but it's mainly private land," he adds. "For easier access,

though, you have nearby Palmer Mountain and the whole Pasayten Wilderness, which are also great places to scout for deer, both white-tails and muleys. Right now we're seeing deer all over, including some dandy big bucks. And this should be one of best years ever for quail. Right now we're getting at least a second hatch, in some cases maybe a third, so their numbers are way up."

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

Sept 1st - Club Meeting & Fish Fry
 Sept 17th- 19th - Crabbing Trip
 Oct 15th - 17th - Deer Hunting Trip
Tentative
 Oct 22nd - 24th or 29th - 31st - Bird Hunting Trip *Tentative*

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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campfire.

We have lots of Smelt left and will be serving them up at our next club meeting on September 1st.



Rolf supervises the fish frying

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 Robinson 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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