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BIG GAME DINNER FRIDAY FEBRUARY 4th

The Big Game Dinner will again be at the West Seattle American Legion Post 160 Hall, 3618 SW Alaska St, Seattle, WA.

Doors open and appetizers will be served at 6 PM with dinner served at 7 PM.

Dinner tickets will be available at the door for \$17.00 (children 14 and under are free) or you may buy them in advance for \$15.00 either at the range or by using the attached Membership Renewal & Big Game Dinner Advance Ticket Order Form. If Advance ordering tickets, please order soon enough that we have time to send you your tickets through the mail. Members that have paid their 2005 dues, or pay them at the door,

may also receive their tickets at the \$15.00 price.

We will start our evening with appetizers such as Calamari, Deep Fried Smelt, Salmon Dip, Smoked Salmon, Venison Sausage and Veggies. Our dinner will include Elk Roast, BBQ or Roasted Yakima Valley Field Goat, Venison Sausage, Beef Ribs, Pheasant, Salmon, Halibut, Venison Meat Loaf, Venison Chile, Venison Stew, Salad and maybe a few surprises. For dessert we will have an assortment of Pies.

After dinner we will have our raffle drawings for items such as a Hand Held GPS, Rod and Reel outfits, Camping Chairs, Binoculars, Knives, Camping Lantern, FRS Radios, Gift Baskets and more. Raffle Tickets will be on sale at the dinner for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. †

Hit Point No Point on ebb for best Area 9 Blackmouth

The following is from Washington State Fishing and Hunting News written by Joel Shangle

Krein at All Star Charters (425-252-4188) has been fishing the waters of central Puget Sound for longer than he'd even care to admit. And where will you find his charter boat, the *Morning Star*, come Feb. 1, when the bulk of the Sound opens up for Chinook?

"I'm going to go to Area 9, because it had an enormous amount of fish in it when we quit in November," Krein says. "We were sorting through a lot of shakers to get to the legal fish then, but a lot of those 20- and 21-inchers are going to be legal fish now."

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Renew Your Club Membership Now

With the new year comes this reminder that it's time to renew your club membership once 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:

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Blackmouth near 8-1/8-2 Border

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Everett-based Blackmouth hunters have two choices come Feb. 1: Run south to Marine Area 9, or scoot up Saratoga Passage to Area 8-1. And while most of the attention will fall on Possession, No Point and Double Bluff, the waters just over the 8-1/8-2 border are a good bet for the first three weeks of the winter season.

"At the end of November, East Point was kicking out some pretty nice fish, and I've found over the years that a heck of a lot of fish will be caught early

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Krein probably won't even slow down as he rounds the corner at Possession Point though. "This time of year, going west produces more and bigger fish a lot of the time," he says. "Double Bluff, Point No Point — and sometimes even as far as Port Townsend — are the areas I'll concentrate on. Some of the black-mouth are certainly outmigrating fish at this time, and in the depth of winter, especially more toward spring, the heavier concentrations of bait seem to be heading out into the Strait of Juan de Fuca instead of staying closer to shore."

The western focus will become even more pronounced as the season goes on. "From the first of February to the first of March, you can have a quite

a bit of change," Krein says. "The first of February, you might see fish around Possession, but later in the month, you usually have to go west to find them."

Where and how you fish Point No Point depends on the tide. You'll want to hug the typical blackmouth depth (90 to 150 feet, fishing right on the bottom), but work from No Point west on the ebb and turn it around to the east side on a flood.

"I like No Point on an outgoing, at low slack, and the first couple of hours on the incoming, but I have my best luck there fishing west to Skunk Bay," Krein says. "That area just seems to fish better on an outgoing tide."

Tie on spoons; Funky chicken is a particular Krein favorite at No Point. †

Hunter Activity Reports Due Jan 31st

OLYMPIA - With participation in a mandatory postseason hunting report program declining every year, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has proposed adding a fee of up to \$50 to the cost of licenses for those hunters who fail to submit their information on time.

As of mid-January, only 31 percent of hunters who purchased a 2004 deer, elk, black bear or turkey tag had submitted their hunting information. The reports are due by Jan. 31.

"Compared to past years, we should have received a significantly higher number of reports by now," said Dave Ware, WDFW Game Division Manager. The number of hunters who meet the deadline has decreased every year since 2001 when the mandatory reporting program was put in place.

"Hunter report data is a critical

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in the season," says Capt. Craig Reedy at Triple AAA Charters (425-252-8246).

Put your 'riggers down as soon as you cross the 8-2 border at East Point (8-2 doesn't open until Feb. 16), and fish that general area between Whidbey and Baby Island.

"I like fishing right at the border, around the green navigational marker," Reedy says. "On the east side of East Point, there's a nice little cut and an eddy that forms, and anytime

you have an eddy lying right off a point, you have mellow water. That's where the bait will hang."

This is an area where you shouldn't be afraid to stray out of the typical 90- to 150-foot Blackmouth depth zone. "I'll duck into 70 feet of water there, Reedy says. "You have to really pay attention to your depth sounder in there, but let the downrigger ball literally hit the mud. If you bump the bottom, just speed up a little and peel off into a deeper water."

This is one area where plugs can out produce spoons and hoochies for keeper-size fish. "East Point is one of the few places around where I do really well on plugs," Reedy says. "Pearl white Silver Horde 603s are excellent up there. You can drag a spoon around and hook shakers all day, but there's a mortality rate with that I'll fish a plug because it generally tends to catch bigger fish." †

Up coming Small bore & Air Matches

Feb 5-6	West Seattle	Open Air Rifle Sectional
Feb 12-13	West Seattle	Junior 4-P Air Rifle Sectional
Feb 13	Shelton	Open 4-P Sectional
Feb 19	Puyallup	Junior 60 Shot 3-P
Feb 26-27	Vancouver	Open NRA 3-P and Air Rifle Sectionals
Mar 5-6	Olympia	Junior Olympic Air Rifle 3-P C'ship (West)
Mar 12-13	West Seattle	Junior 3-P & 3-P Air Rifle Sectionals
Mar 20	Shelton	State 4-P Championship (West)

Range Hours and Activity

Monday - Small Bore - 6 PM
Tuesday - Winter Rifle League
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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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

Feb 4th - Big Game Dinner
 Feb 5th - 7th Razor Claming Open
 Mar 2nd - Club Meeting
 Mar 6th - 8th Razor Claming Open
 Apr 6th - Club Meeting
 Jun 2nd - Clam Bake
 Jun - Fresh Water Fishing Derby
 July - Aug - Smelting
 Aug 4th - Salmon Bake

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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component of our management of game species throughout the state," Ware said. "Declining compliance has the potential to seriously compromise our ability to determine hunting season impacts on game populations."

Currently, failure to report hunting activity is a misdemeanor with a fine of up to \$1,000 and one year in jail. The penalties would be replaced by the fee beginning January 2006.

"The idea of the administrative fee is to decriminalize failure to report and increase the number of hunters reporting on time," Ware said. "We don't want to put hunters in jail for not following the reporting rules, but we really need this hunting data," Ware said.

The proposal, which still needs approval by the Washington State Legislature, is the latest attempt at improving hunter compliance in

the reporting program. Since the program's inception, WDFW has added a drawing for special hunting permits as an incentive to hunters to file their reports early.

"We also send reminder postcards to hunters prior to the reporting deadline, but we're still not getting the compliance we need," Ware said.

Funds generated by the proposed fee would be used to expand outreach efforts that encourage and assist hunters in reporting, to improve the reporting system and to improve the accuracy of harvest information.

Hunters can file their harvest reports by an automated, toll-free phone line at 1-877-945-3492, or via the Internet at fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov.

Stuff For Sale



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 - Mossberg 12 gage, model 500, slid action, with (2) barrels, (1) 30" Full choke, (1) 28" with Accu-Choke (Full, Modified, and Improved), both accept 3" shells. Like new one scratch, used very little. Asking \$300 contact Fred Burr 206-935-4883.

For Sale - SKB 410 gage, over and under, both barrel chokes' skeet. \$500 firm. Contact Fred Burr 206-935-4883.

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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First Class Mail

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & BIG GAME DINNER ADVANCE TICKET ORDER FORM

Renew your Club Membership and/or advance order your Big Game Dinner Tickets (which will be on Friday February 4, 2005) by Filling out the attached form. Receive a \$2 per ticket discount when you advance order your tickets (Price at door will be \$17.00).

Mail your completed form 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.

WEST SEATTLE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

Membership Renewal

1 Year Club Membership Renewal Price
\$25.00

Big Game Dinner Ticket Order

Please Send me _____ tickets @ \$15.00 each \$ _____
(note children 14 and under free) Total: \$ _____

Please Make Checks payable to the "West Seattle Sportsmen's Club" or "WSSC"

Method of Payment _____

Check NAME _____

Cash (do not send cash by mail) ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

Email Address

Check here if you have an email address and would prefer to receive your club news letter by email (this saves the club postage and you will receive your news letter sooner).

Clip along dashed lines and return with your payment

