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Happy New Year

BIG GAME DINNER

This years Big Game Dinner will be on Friday February 4th. Doors open and appetizers served at 6 PM with dinner served at 7 PM. We will once again be at the West Seattle American Legion Post 160 Hall, 3618 SW Alaska St, Seattle, WA. Join us for an evening of camaraderie, good food and fun.

We will start our evening with appetizers such as Calamari, Deep Fried Smelt, Salmon Dip, Smoked Salmon and Veggies. Our dinner will include Elk Roast, BBQ or Roast Yakima Valley Field Goat, Venison Sausage, Beef Ribs, Pheasant, Salmon, Venison Meat Loaf, Venison Chile 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, Gift Baskets and more. Raffle Tickets will be on sale at the dinner.



Dinner tickets will be available at the door for \$17.00 or you may buy them in advance for \$15.00 either at the next club meeting or by using the attached Membership Re-

newal & Big Game Dinner Advance Ticket Order Form. Children 14 and under are free. Buying your tickets in advance saves you money and really helps us plan for the event. Hope to see you all there. †

SAUSAGE MAKING

At our next Club Meeting on Wednesday January 5th, Steve Patnode will be teaching us how to make sausage. We will be making Venison sausage and maybe even some Pheasant Sausage as well. Learn how to use some of that game that may be in your freezer to make a delicious treat. We will then cook some up to enjoy at the meeting and also we will be making some for the Big Game dinner as well. †

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

With the coming of the New Year comes this Reminder. It's time once again to renew your Club Membership. Dues are \$25.00 and with that you get this great newsletter once a month, fun club outings, special event and reduced range fees at our range. We even manage to get an occasional guest speaker every now and again. So please use the attached

form and envelope and mail your dues in now or bring with you to the next club meeting. You can even advance order your Big Game dinner tickets at a reduced price as well.

Your dues help us pay for those fun special events and meals we have throughout the year such as the Clam and Salmon Bake, Kids Fishing Derby and Club Supplies just to name a few.

Where else can you get a year full of fun for just \$25.00. †

Club Christmas Party

This years Christmas party, held at Filiberto's Italian Restaurant, was a great success. The food was good and we had lots of fun with the gift exchange after



the meal. The big battles this *continued page 2*

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Three Razor Clam Digs Tentatively Set In Early 2005

OLYMPIA -The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has tentatively scheduled three razor clam digs in early 2005, all contingent on the results of marine toxin tests to be conducted in conjunction with the Washington Department of Health.

Any additional openings will be announced after those digs have been completed.

As with the first three digs of the 2004-05 season, no digging will be allowed before noon during openings tentatively scheduled in January, February or March. Dates for those proposed openings, along with evening low tides, are shown below:

Jan. 7 (Friday): 4:01 p.m., +0.1

Jan. 8 (Saturday): 4:55 p.m., -0.5

Jan. 9 (Sunday): 5:47, -1.0

Feb. 5 (Saturday): 3:41 p.m., +0.3

Feb. 6 (Sunday): 4:38 p.m., -0.3

Feb. 7 (Monday): 5:30 p.m., -0.7

March 6 (Sunday): 3:21 p.m., +0.3

March 7 (Monday): 4:18 p.m., -0.1

March 8 (Tuesday): 5:08 p.m., -0.4

WDFW will announce its decision on whether to proceed with each of those digs based on the results of toxin tests conducted prior to those dates. Those decisions will be announced on WDFW's website, on the department's Shellfish Hotline (1-866-880-5431) and through statewide media.

Three digs were conducted at Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis and Mocrocks beaches from

October through December, 2004. Kalaloch Beach in the Olympic National Park remained closed during those digs because toxin levels in clams there exceeded state and federal health standards.

"We're hoping to open Kalaloch to digging as toxin levels decline in the months ahead," said Dan Ayres, WDFW coastal shellfish manager.

Ayres reminds those planning to dig razor clams during the upcoming opening that a license is required for anyone age 15 or older. Any 2004 annual shellfish/seaweed or combination license purchased since April 1 is still valid.

One new option is a "razor clam only" license now available in both annual and 3-day versions. †



Pacific Razor Clam (Siliqua patula)

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year was for a Fleece Blanket, Filson Hat and a very large box of Almond



Roca. †



Roz shows-off her new earrings!

Razor Claming Web Sites:

How to dig Razor Clams:
<http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/shelfish/razorclm/razor6.htm>

How to Clean Razor Clams:
<http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/shelfish/razorclm/razor9.htm>

Razor Clam Recipes:
<http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/shelfish/razorclm/razor10.htm>

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Up coming Small bore & Air Matches

Jan 8	West Seattle	Open Air Pistol
Jan 8	Centralia	JORC & State Junior Indor Championship (West)
Jan 15	Olympia	JOARC (West)
Jan 22	Puyallup	Icicle 3-P
Jan 29	Olympia	State Open Air Championship (West)
Jan 30	Centralia	100-Shot Offhand
Feb 5-6	West Seattle	Open Air Rifle Sectional
Feb 12-13	West Seattle	Junior 4-P Air Rifle Sectional

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.

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

Jan 5th - Club Meeting (How to make Game Sausage)
 Feb 4th - Big Game Dinner
 Mar 2nd - Club Meeting

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.



Smelt and Herring Dip Net Rules Changed

Effective dates: November 16, 2004 until further notice

Species affected: Smelt and herring

Location: All marine waters of Washington

Reason for action: Current rules specify a stretch mesh size of one-half inch when fishing for smelt and herring with a dip net. The rule has proved confusing to a number of people and there has been difficulty purchasing nets that meet the legal requirement. The current definition does not work well for nets constructed out of wire mesh. The new mesh requirement will specify a maximum mesh size of 3/8 inch measured knot to the nearest knot for fabric net or 1/2 inch measured corner to the next nearest corner for wire nets. This change will not substantially change the size of allowable net mesh but will

allow persons to purchase materials that meet the requirements. †

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.



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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