



# The West Seattle Sportsman

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## Annual Clam Bake and Dig

Our annual Clam Bake will be on Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 PM. This will be in lieu of the regular club meeting. This year the Clam Bake will be at Lincoln Park, Shelter NO. 5 near the kids wadding pool. While Alki was a great place to have the Clam Bake the parking was a huge problem. We are hoping that the change in location will make for easier parking. The price is \$5.00 per adult. If you have and would like to donate Shell Fish for the bake please contact Cam Robison at 206-431-8337 or Jerry Mascio at 206-937-3614. †

## Bowman Bay Fresh Water Fishing Derby

Their's still time to secure a spot at Bowman Bay for our Fresh Water Fishing Outing and Craw Fishing Extravaganza. Bowman Bay is located near Deception Pass and is part of the state park there. Jerry has made reservations for the weekend of June 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$39.00 for Friday and Saturday night or \$23 for just Saturday night. We have 3 spots left open so Contact Jerry Mascio @ 206-937-3614 to reserve your spot now.

Whether you enjoy beach walks on the Sound, Trout fishing on Heart Lake, Craw Fishing on Pass Lake or just eating a lot of good food this outing has it all. This weekend also coincides with the States free fishing weekend so you won't even need a license.

This has always been a fun outing for all with special events for the kids.

Saturday we will have our fresh water fishing derby with a prize for whichever youngster catches the longest fish. In the event of a tie a name will be drawn from among the tied winners. Fish must be back to camp by 4:30 PM for the contest.

We will be having a Pot Luck on Saturday night. Greg and Tony will be providing Hamburgers and Buns so bring something to go along with them, salads, side dishes, desserts, or whatever. I'm sure Jerry will be frying up some fish or squid in the deep fry and we should have a bunch of Crawfish from the mornings catch.

Sunday morning after we pick up the crawfish pots we will have our Crawfish race. With a prize for whomever picks the fastest Crawdad. †

## State Champion - Tim Mar - West Seattle Totems

The weekend of May 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> (Mothers Day) found 60 young shooters from all over the state converged on the city of Wenatchee to compete for the title of "State Champion". The Championship was determined by a half course three position match fired on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>. The weather was typical Wenatchee, unpredictable with clouds, showers, calm, wind etc. Going into the final position Tim was in 4<sup>th</sup> place down by 3 points, but kneeling is his favorite position and he proved so again shooting 4 points higher than the second Kneeling score. When it was over Tim had won by two points. Match director Doug Shellenberger couldn't recall if a Sub-Junior had ever won the championship before, a first for West Seattle Sportsmen, a first for Sub-Juniors.

West Seattle's contingent was the smallest in several years. Class A Kyle Copernoll, Class D Ryan Copernoll and Reid Garton, and our two prone only shooters Graham Sparks and Kelli Meseley, 6 total. Prone matches were fired on Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> with Tim Mar capturing 4<sup>th</sup> place Master and *Continued below see Wenatchee Juniors*

## \* Youth Conservation Camp Contest \* Date Extended to June 15<sup>th</sup>!

Each year we sponsor 1 boy and 1 girl to go to Conservation Camp on Orcas Island. Conservation Camp is held in July with girls going July 17<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> and boys going July 24<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>. Children will participate in training and field activities such as Wildlife & Habitat Management, Firearm & Archery Safety, Hiking & Outdoor Survival, Fly Tying & Casting, Ecology & Water Safety, First Aid & CPR, and Leadership & Team Work. As a way to determine whom we will send, we will have a little essay-writing contest. All your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or friends need to do is write in 100 words or less "Why I Want To Go To Camp" and turn it into the board of trustees by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

The board of trustees will select 1 boy and 1 girl from the entries received as the winners. The contest is open to all children ages 12 to 16. Entries may be

turned in to any officer or trustee on or before June 15<sup>th</sup> or by mailing to:

The West Seattle Sportsmen's Club  
P.O. Box 16258  
Seattle, WA 98116

Entries must be received by June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

This camp offers a wonderful learning experience for children and we have extended the deadline to allow more time for you to get those entries turned in. †

### Wenatchee Juniors from column 3 above:

Ryan Copernoll placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in match 1, D Class. Ryan and Reid "The Two Stooges" took home medals for the "D" Class Buddy match. Thanks to Fred Burr and Richard George for making the trip to help score and Fred for providing those "One For The Road" Burgers. A fun time was had by all! By the way upon examination of the High Sub Junior perpetual Trophy, Tim discovered the first name on the plate was Roger Mar 1982, his uncle. †

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## Cedar River Reopens For CNR Trout Fishing

*Taken from Fishing and Hunting News written by Matt Smith.*

A once forbidden stretch of river opens for a second consecutive year on June 1. The 21-mile stretch of the Cedar River, from the mouth at Lake Washington near Renton to the Landsburg Bridge, will be open for trout fishing for only the second time since 1995.

This stretch was closed due to weak returns of certain salmonid stocks. It was reopened last year for rainbow and cutthroat trout. Now, you can pull in daily limits with regularity.

"There are some huge rainbows," Brett Olson says of the river. He grew up fishing the Cedar and now works at Auburn Sports and Marine (253-833-1440). Olson credits WDFWs Danny Estelle for getting this once-closed stretch of river reopened.

Olson says that Estelle had a fish trap in these waters and was counting the number of fish coming through them. After he noticed that numbers made these waters fishable again, he brought some people from WDFW down to the river. He pulled out his rod and reel and starting bringing in 4-, 6- and 8- pound rainbows on almost every cast. Not long after that, the river was opened again.

Both rainbow and cutthroat trout are native to these waters, and there has been some hybridization of the two over the years. This cross-breeding has yielded what is known as a cuttbow trout.

If you find yourself trying to determine whether you have caught a rainbow or a cutthroat and just can't figure it out, it's probably a hybrid. WDFW has conducted studies on this hybridization, but they don't know for sure how often it occurs. Cuttbows are still "viable fish" and are fine to eat, says WDFW District 4 fish biologist Chad Jackson. Though they're fine to eat, you can't actually eat them. This stretch of the Cedar River is a selective-gear, catch-and-release area only.

Gear: You'll find that many anglers on the Cedar River prefer to fly fish, as big Woolly Buggers and other patterns have proven successful in these waters in the past. If that's not your game, however, Olson suggests trying spinners, small spoons, or a bobber and a jig with a nymph. "A bobber and a black jig will probably work real well," says Olson.

He also suggests you use a 3- to 4-inch pink worm, which you might typically use to catch steelhead. But you should also try a black or brown worm, because the darker worms imitate a trout's favorite meal: a leech.'

If you're looking for a good fight, try out a crawdad pattern, as Olson says "big trout love to eat crawdads." Just make sure any plastic bait you use is an unscented one.

Access: The Cedar has quite a bit of shore access. There's a bike path that follows the river from Carco Park down to the mouth at Lake Washington. There are also access areas at most of the bridges, as well as just below the dam.

If you plan on fishing from a boat, Olson suggests you float from the Landsburg Bridge to the Maple Valley Highway. Three-quarters of this drift is through private property, so this is really the only way to access this stretch.

Be mindful of the fact that there are some sweepers in the river where you'll have to pull out.

Be sure to start out in the faster waters and then work your way into the pools, as you would with most rivers. Many of the fish like to hang out in the rougher waters. You'll have to go in and get them.

According to Olson, some of the better fishing will be about a 1/2-mile upstream from the mouth. He also advises you to stick to the lower river for rainbows, and the upper river if you prefer cutthroat.

The average trout in this area will be 14 to 16 inches long, but some 10-pound trout have been netted in the past, according to Jackson.

Be sure to fish the sides of the river, as the boats floating down the middle will push many of the trout out of the center and into these areas.†

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## Work Deception, San Juans Rocks For Lings

*Taken from Fishing and Hunting News written by Al Schultz.*

Had enough lingcod? Me neither. If you're heading out, you might try these North Sound areas,

**Whidbey Island/Deception Pass:** Specifically try the underwater rock pinnacles and kelp beds west of the Deception Pass Bridge. Beware! Don't venture too far west or you will pass into the closed waters of the San Juan Islands Marine Preserve.

Heavy lead jigs such as the 8- or ,10-inch copper tube jigs available from Sportco (253-922-2222) work well, as do Luhr Jensen B-2 jigs rigged with twin scampi tails or 6-inch squid in root beer or red. Jig-and-bait combos work well also. The current rockets through this pass when the tides are changing, so use caution and pay attention. This is also a

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## Up coming Small bore & Air Matches

Jun 4-5	Tacoma	Schutzenfest / NRA 3-P Championship
Jun 11-12	Tacoma	CanAm prone
Jun 25-26	Puyallup	NRA 3-Position Regional
Jul 9-10	Tacoma	Koehler Memorial Prone
Aug 13-14	Ariel	3200 Conventional Prone
Aug 26-28	Tacoma	State Smallbore International Camp & PTO
Sep 10	Puyallup	State 4-H Championship
Sep 10-11	Tacoma	State Conventional Prone Championship

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## 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

## Sponsors of the Roger Dahl Rifle Training Range

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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

Jun 1<sup>st</sup> - Clam Bake  
 Jun 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> - Bowman Bay Fresh Water Fishing Derby  
 July 6<sup>th</sup> - Shoot-n-Toot  
 July 10<sup>th</sup> Kid's Fishing Derby  
 Aug 4<sup>th</sup> - Salmon Bake  
 Aug 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> - Smelting Trip

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](mailto:info@westseattlesportsmen.org)

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## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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great place to fish for Cabezon and Pacific Cod in general, especially the area east of the steel bridge and right from the southern shore of the little isle beneath the bridge. I've had great success just using herring on a 36-inch leader tied beneath a heavy banana sinker fished from shore.

**San Juan Islands:** I like working my way from the southern side of San Juan Island starting with Eagle Point northward (and westward) along the rugged shoreline to Pile Point, and on up to Lime Kiln. There is a state park and a beautiful lighthouse at Lime Kiln Point.

Continuing north around San Juan Island, great bottomfishing can be found around the Cactus Islands and diminutive Ripple Island. There is good lingcod fishing around Flattop Island as well. If you are following along on your charts or map, head northeast from Flattop Isle and check out Waldron Island. Fish for lings on either side of the rocky Point Disney. North of Waldron Island, be sure and try the rocks around Patos, Sucia and Matia Islands for big lings.

Circling east from Waldron you will find my favorite, Orcas Island. At West Beach (located on the northwest portion of the island) there is a boat launch, mooring and a

campground. Not far from there a person can find good fishing near little Freeman Island and off Point Dougherty. In fact, from Dougherty along the northern shore (eastward) to Lawrence Point, you can find good bottomfishing. There is also a high probability that you will see whales, at least killer whales, along this stretch.

**Regs:** Pay close attention to the Marine Area 7 fishing regulations, as there are several bay closures and marine preserve areas around here that are closed to the harvesting of shellfish and bottomfish. †

**Stuff For Sale**

**For Sale - Mossberg 12** gage, model 500, slide 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 - 1985 Starcraft Tent** Trailer. Opens to 21 feet, Sleeps 6-8, 12 volt lights, water tank, 3 burner stove may be used inside or out, ice box, gas forced air heater,

port-a-potty, electric brakes. Stored in garage when not used. Very good condition. \$1,450 or best offer. Call Tony 425-226-5643 or email oynot@comcast.net

**For Sale - 1964 19' Bayliner**, 50 hrs on new Mercruiser I/O, '96 trailer, great for fishing. \$3,500 OBO. Contact Jim Finnie 206-938-1482.

**For Sale - Assorted Fly and Spin** Cast Fishing Poles \$10.00 each, Float Tube (used only once) \$50 and Flippers \$15.

Contact Fred Burr 206-935-4883.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> of the prior month. †



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