



The West Seattle Sportsman

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WSSC Salmon Derby Results

We had our first annual club Salmon Derby on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Out of 15 participants, Mike Chong won the G.Loomis Salmon Mooching Pole with a nice 6lb, 2oz Coho. Tony Olszewski picked up a 4.5lb silver;



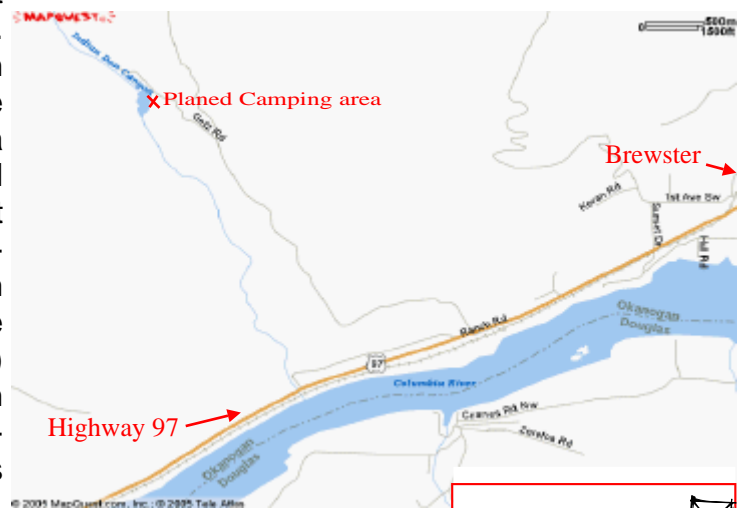
Mike Chong & his 1st Place Fish

Greg Boyd got a 3.5lb silver and Fred Burr took a 2.5lb silver. †

Brewster Bird Hunting Trip

On Oct 1st we will be going bird hunting in the Indian Dan Canyon portion of the Wells Wildlife Area, located near Brewster, WA., about 64 miles north of Wenatchee. Camping is available in the town of Brewster at the Columbia Cove RV Park or in Indian Dan Canyon itself, if you don't mind not having hookups. We plan on staying in the Wildlife area next to a small lake. To get there take Highway 97 north from Wenatchee (about 62 miles) and turn left on Indian Dan Canyon Road (this is

before the town of Brewster). Take the first left hand Y in the road, this should be Getz road and follow till you come to a small lake on the left We will be camping here on Friday and Saturday nights. If you are interest in going on this trip contact Fred Burr for better directions. On Friday night some of us may take an hour drive over to Grand Coulee Dam for a Laser Light show which starts at 8:30 PM. †



Hunters, others reminded to take precautions against West Nile Virus

OLYMPIA – Outdoors enthusiasts across Washington are reminded to use mosquito repellent and wear long-sleeve shirts and pants while in the field, after a dead bird found in Yakima County tested positive for West Nile virus.

The dead magpie is the first West Nile virus-positive bird found in Washington since 2002. According to the Washington State Department of Health (DOH), two mosquito samples, also found in Yakima County, tested positive for the virus.

West Nile virus is primarily a bird disease. Mosquitoes become infected by

feeding on an infected bird and can pass the virus on to humans, horses and other hosts. DOH officials said the risk of becoming ill from the virus is low, and there have been no human cases of West Nile in Washington.

“We urge hunters, anglers and others who are planning to spend time outdoors to take a few simple precautions to reduce the likelihood of coming into contact with the virus,” said Rocky Beach, WDFW Wildlife Diversity Division Manager.

Besides using repellent and clothing to avoid mosquito bites, bird hunters

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Quail Numbers Boom in Yakima Valley

From Fishing & Hunting News written by Rob Phillips

Quail populations continue to boom throughout the Yakima Valley. When the youth season opens Sept 17-18 and regular season starts Oct. 1, you should find some of the best hunting on both sides of the Yakima River, from Union Gap down to Zillah. WDFW has several hundred acres open for hunting between I-82 and the Yakima River. The brush can be thick and difficult to hunt, but that is where the birds are.

Across the river, on the Yakama Reservation, there are plenty of quail too, and there are plenty of places to hunt them. According to surveys by tribal biologists, quail numbers are running well ahead of the five-year average. And with several thousand acres set aside in "feel free to hunt" lands, there is lots of room to roam. Upland hunters have been finding more and more quail throughout the region in recent years, and many have been targeting them as pheasant populations have fallen to all-time lows. Quail hunting opens Oct. 15 on the reservation, along with waterfowl.

Speaking of pheasants, you should find a few more than last year. Recently completed broodcount surveys by Yakama biologists show that the birds have bounced back a little from

very poor numbers in recent years.

"All of our counts are up from last year," says Nathan Burkepile, wildlife biologist with the Yakama Nation. "Pheasants are back up to the ten-year average."

This year's good nesting conditions have had some obvious positive effects on the upland bird populations in the lower Yakima Valley, and even though the state no longer does nesting or population studies here, trends on the Yakama Reservation usually hold true for the rest of the Valley as well.

For maps of feel-free-to-hunt locations, contact the Yakama Nation Wildlife Department (509-865-6262). An additional reservation hunting permit is required to hunt on Yakama Nation lands. Eastern Wash. pheasant season opens Oct. 22. †

Lake Washington Perch Underfished

From Fishing & Hunting News written by Randall Peters

If you only think of Lake Washington as a sockeye, bass and cutthroat fishery, you're missing out on one of its most prodigious opportunities. The big lake is perch country, and what they may lack in size, perch more than make up for in numbers.

One guy who knows that is F&H News ad rep Brian Lull. "I love the constant action, and I never go home unhappy," he says.

Where to fish: Access the North Point area near St. Edwards State Park and Juanita Bay by launch-

ing at either Magnuson Park or in Kenmore at the mouth of the Sammamish Slough. You'll need a WDFW sticker here.

Groat Point and Dabney Point northwest of Meydenbauer Bay and the area around Luther Burbank Park have launches at Luther Burbank Park, the east side of Mercer Island at the base of I-90, and at Newport.

The East Channel between Factoria and Renton, on the east side of the lake, and the area north of Seward Park on the west side have launches at Gene Coulon Park in Renton, Rainier Beach and Stan Sayres.

How: Veteran perch anglers use tried-and-true methods to produce large numbers of quality fish consistently.

Ultralight gear is all you need to make a perch feel like a lunker. Use 4-pound line and a short, limber rod. For a simple perch rig, tie a 6- to bounce egg sinker to a small barrel swivel separated by a small bead. From the swivel, don't make the leader length more than 6 inches. This allows you to set the hook quickly and to level it against the notorious bait-cleaning perch.

Tip a size No. 6 Gamakatsu hook with a white, green, red or chartreuse Kalin grub, a small bit of nightcrawler or perch meat.

Lull swears by fishing in 17 to 22 feet of water, just outside the

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Up coming Small bore & Air Matches

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| Oct 8 | West Seattle | Air Pistol Open |
| Nov 5-6 | Olympia | State Indoor Int'l 3-P Championship (West) |
| Nov 12 | West Seattle | Air Pistol Open |
| Dec 10 | West Seattle | Air Pistol Open |

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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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 1st - 2nd - Bird Hunting Brewster area.
- Oct 5th - Club Meeting
- Oct 15th - Deer Hunting Northport
- Nov 2nd - Cub Meeting
- Nov 4th - 6th - Bird Hunting Wapatoe Area
- Nov - Squidding
- Dec - Club Christmas Party
- Dec - Squidding

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.



West Nile Virus from page 1

should practice the same precautions that WDFW urges all hunters to use when handling any harvested game species, including using rubber gloves when cleaning the animals, Beach said. Because heat kills the virus, eating a cooked game bird should pose no health risk to humans.

WDFW officials said there is no known evidence that West Nile virus is spread directly from harvested game birds to humans, nor has the virus been detected in any Washington state game bird species.

Additional information on the virus and protective measures can be found on the Washington Department of Health's West Nile virus website, at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/WNV> on the Internet. †

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margins of a weedbed. Anchor up and let the fish come to you — that's the preferred method. Drop the bait to the bottom and then raise it up a few feet. †

Club Meeting

Our next club meeting will be on Wednesday October 5th at 7 PM. We will discuss and plan our upcoming hunting trips. After that Greg & Jerry will demonstrate how to build Squid Jigs. If you would like to build a jig along with them bring \$2.00 to cover the cost of supplies. †

Stuff For Sale

For Sale – Daisy Model 717 Target Air Pistol \$75.00. Contact Fred Burr 206-935-4883

For Sale – High Standard Model 106 Semi-Auto Target Pistol with Bushnell scope, Bausch Lomb spot-



ting scope, gun box and misc. tools & equipment \$700.00. Contact Fred Burr 206-935-4883

For Sale - 2002 Big Foot Camper \$11,000. Contact Fred Burr 206-935-4883.

For Sale - Mossberg 12 gage, model 500, slide action, 30" Full choke barrel accepts 3" shells. Like new, one scratch, used very little. Asking \$200. Contact Fred Burr 206-935-4883.

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 20th of the prior month. †



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