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Salmon Bake Wednesday Aug 2nd

Annual Salmon Bake

The Club's Annual Salmon Bake will be Wednesday, August 2nd at 6 PM. It will, again, be at Lincoln Park, Shelter Number 3. This is at the South end of the park down by the beach. There is a handicap parking area down by the water for those that need it. The price will be \$8.00 per person or 2 for \$15.00, Children 14 and under are free.

We will be having the following items: Salmon (of course), Calamari, Salads, French Fries, Rolls, Clam Chowder, and beans. We will also have Pies, Water Mellon, and Hot Dogs for the kids. †

Shoot and Toot

At our last meeting we had our annual Shoot and Toot, chili cook off and shooting competition. We had 6 to 8 different chilies to sample. The winner of the Chili contest was Tony Olszewski. After the Chili tasting was done we went to the range and tried our luck shooting at animal silhouettes with air pistols. After the first round we had 2 people tied for first place Steven Loo and Scott Kirvan. It took several more rounds to get a winner, with Scott Kirvan coming out victorious. Congratulations to Both! The winning Chili Recipe is featured in Rolf's Cooking Corner this month. †

Kids Fishing Derby

This years Hi-Yu Kids fishing Derby was another success. We had over 130 kids come through and try there luck in our pond, some catching their first fish ever.

I wish to thank all of our volunteers, for without all of their hard work none of this would be possible.

Thanks to the Washington State Game Department for providing the fish this year. A very special thanks to Greg Boyd for working with the Game Department in order to make this happen and for working with the Seattle Parks department to secure permits for this event. †

SMELTING TRIP

Our Annual Club Smelting Trip will be August 11th – 13th.

We are once again staying at the Hoh River RV Park and Resort, 175443 Hwy 101 S., Forks, WA. (the actual Smelting will be at the nearby ocean beaches). The camp sites at this park are flat and grassy.

They are good for both tents and RV's.

A limited number of cabins are available to rent, if you are interested in these, contact the Hoh River RV Park and Resort



at 360-374-5566 to reserve your cabin.

We will be having our usual Pot Luck on Saturday night and Jerry will have his deep fry going to cook up some of those Smelt.

We will be needing a count of how many plan to attend. For more information or to reserve a spot contact Jerry Mascio at 206-937-3614 or e-mail us at info@westseattlesportsmen.org and put "Smelting Trip" in the subject line. †

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5 Million Strait Sockeye

Taken from *Washington Fishing & Hunting News* written by Andy Walgamott.

This summer's "most likely to be a wildly overlooked" salmon opportunity in Washington?

"Theoretically, there's 6 million sockeye coming into the Strait of Juan de Fuca," says Steve Thiesfeld, a WDFW biologist. "That's a lot of sockeye."

But with bigger name fish available closer to port and a lack of salty sockeye fishing know-how, most Evergreen State anglers won't be venturing out to deep water as these highly mobile salmon make their way back to B.C.'s Fraser River.

"It's certainly something we would encourage guys to do," says Thiesfeld.

Test fishery fails: Sockeye are something of an enigma in the salt, even though WDFW tried its hand at catching them in the mid-1990s.

"Unfortunately it was in a pink year," says Thiesfeld.

Chris Mohr at Van Riper's Resort (360-963-2334) in Sekiu recalls that a fleet of 10 boats routinely brought 40 or 50 humpies a trip back to his dock, but towards the end of the test period, crews began to dial in sockeye. "It got to the point where for every 20 humpies, we got one sockeye," Mohr says.

BC know-how: But our neighbors to the north have figured out - err, out - where and how to target them.

"It's certainly gaining in popularity north of the border," says Jim Gable, stock assessment chief for the Pacific Salmon Commission, which advises U.S. and Canadian salmon managers.

"We've done pretty good on them," confirms Bob Gallagher of Gal-

laugher's Sports Fish Camp (250-647-5409) in Port Renfrew, on Vancouver Island's southwestern coast.

He's discovered there are two main things to pay attention to.

"The biggest trick is early morning," Gallagher stresses. He says that after 9:30 or 10 a.m., the bite shuts off.

The other secret is getting away from the shore: "You gotta get in deep water, 50 fathoms, but you're not fishing down that far — 30, 40, 50 feet."

When Gallagher leaves port, he heads for Cape Flattery and then dunks his gear in about 3 miles out. He'll run a pink or red hoochie 32 inches behind a red flasher. He has to use a barbless hook, but he gives it a "twist and a curl" to keep it corkscrewed in the fish's mouth. He'll also double stack set-ups, even run a dummy flasher off the 'rigger to try and attract sockeye.

In fact, it seems the more flashers the better. "It's almost like you have to have four flashers in the water," says Larry Carpenter at Master Marine (360-336-2176) in Mount Vernon. He's managed to land a few sockeye on San Juan Island's west side, and calls the Fraser run "the most untapped opportunity" in the Sound.

Fishing via the Web: Gallagher says the hardest part is locating the salmon in the 15-mile-wide Strait, but he uses the Internet as sonar, watching the run's progress on the PSC's Web site. They post daily reports (psc.org/info_testfishing.htm; 604-666-8200) on how many fish were caught in test fisheries.

"When they start getting 800, 1,000 a night, then there's lot of (sockeye) out there - that's what we look for," Gallagher says.

A test boat landed 90 sockeye July 11. The PSC was slated to add a second gillnetter and a purse seiner by July 17.

Outlook: This year could be good for two reasons: It's a non-humpy year, and an estimated 17 million sockeye are forecast back to the Fraser, according to PSC. While 67 percent will return on the east side of Vancouver Island, 33 percent are expected to go around the southern shore, says Gable.

That should put somewhere in the neighborhood of 5.61 million sock-eye between Port Angeles and Sooke, B.C. - well over Gallagher's threshold for good fishing.

"For us to do well out here, we gotta have 4 million going by," he says. "If it's 3 million or less, you'll get one, maybe two" a trip.

He says that the midsummer stocks - Adams, Quesnel and Chilko runs - are biters and will snap at lures wherever they hold up along the way home.

"There's a lot in the islands right now," says Carpenter.

Close-in Kings: So why is this fishery so unpressured on the U.S. side? WDFWs Thiesfeld's figures that if there was a two-sockeye bonus limit, there might be more effort, but there's a bigger game in town.

"When guys can fish for Chinook, they're not going to spend their time fishing for sockeye," he says. "There's such limited king opportunities in Areas 5, 6 and 7 that it's tough to break away and fish for sockeye."

Still, a few are hauled back to Sekiu each season.

"I still see 15, 20 incidental sockeye a year," notes Mohr. Anglers can keep two sockeye a day.

Run timing: Thiesfeld says the bulk of the Eraser's fish are expect-ed in the Straits between July 20 and Sept. 1 with the peak occurring Aug. 12 and 13.

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Up coming Small bore & Air Matches

Aug 12-13	Puy. / Tac.	USA Shooting Zone Championship
Aug 25-27	Tacoma	State Smallbore International Camp & PTO
Sep 9-10	Tacoma	State Conventional Prone Championship
Sept 23-24	Tacoma	Schützenfest / Outdoor Int'l Championship
Nov 4-5	Olympia	State Indoor Int'l 3-P Championship (West)
Nov 18	Centralia	JORC (West)
Dec 9	Olympia	JOARC (West)

Range Hours and Activity

Monday - Small Bore - 6 PM
Tuesday - Air Pistol & Air Rifle
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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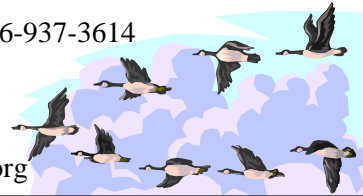
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Shot and Toot Winning Chili

- 2 ½ lb lean ground Chuck
- 1 lb lean ground Pork
- 1 cup Onion - finely chopped
- 6 Garlic Cloves - finely chopped.
- 12 oz. Red Wine
- 15 oz. Tomato Sauce
- 1 cup Water
- 3 Tbls Chili Powder
- 2 Tbls ground Cumin
- 6 Beef-flavor Bouillon cubes
- 2 tsp Oregano Leaves
- 2 tsp Paprika
- 2 tsp Sugar
- 1 tsp Unsweetened Cocoa
- ½ tsp ground Coriander
- ½ tsp Louisiana hot sauce -- to taste
- 1 tsp Flour
- 1 tsp Cornmeal
- 1 Tbls warm Water
- 2 Cans Kidney Beans (Rinsed and Drained)



In large saucepan or Dutch oven, brown half the meat; pour off fat. Remove meat. Brown remaining meat; pour off all fat except 2 Tablespoons. Add onion, garlic; cook and stir until tender. Add meat and remaining ingredients except flour, cornmeal and warm water. Mix well. Bring to boil; reduce heat and simmer covered 2 hours (or put in crock pot on low all day). Stir together flour and cornmeal; add warm water. Mix well. Stir into chili mixture. Cook covered 20 minutes longer. Serve hot. Makes 2 quarts. †

Events Calendar

- Aug 2nd - Salmon Bake, Shelter 3, Lincoln Park.
- Aug 11th - 13th - Ocean Smelting Trip
- Sept 6th - Fish Fry at Club Meeting
- Sept - Salmon Derby
- Sept - Craw Fishing
- Sept - Crabbing at Jerry's

If you have any ideas for programs to have at the club meetings 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 \$25.00 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.



Stuff For Sale

For Sale - Browning Citori Shot Gun, Skeet Grade 3. Like new, over and under, skeet both barrels. 25 boxes of reload shells, MEC Reloader, Primers \$1700. Contact Fred Burr 206-935-4883.

For Sale - 1987 2 horse Trailer, Electric Brakes, Spare Tire, Removable Divider, Rubber Mats on floor and walls, some rust. \$1700 obo. Contact Debra and Kirtis 425-413-1223.

KirtisHickey@Yahoo.com

For Sale - Pistol box with spotting scope \$150.00. Contact Fred Burr 206-935-4883

For Sale - Daisy Model 717 Target Air Pistol \$75.00. 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 \$150 OBO. Contact Fred Burr 206-935-4883.

For Sale - Assorted Fly and Spin Cast Fishing Poles \$10.00 each. 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.

For Sale - Brass oar locks, \$20.00 each, Folding Helm Step - \$10. LD-3 Boat fender, keep those little guys from bumping your boat in the locks or wherever \$25.00, Center drain stainless steel sink, 13" w x 11" d x 4" d Used for boat, camper, etc \$30.00. I can send pictures of the above mentioned items con-

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tact Tom phone 206-935-1064 email: tkocir1@comcast.net

For Sale - Outboard motor gas tanks: one with fittings; one tank only. Trailer hitch post type boat carrier. Call Ken McKim 206-935-2853.

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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