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Big Game Dinner Feb 16th

Big Game Dinner

The Big Game Dinner will be on Saturday, February 16th, 2008. Doors will open and appetizers will be 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.

Appetizers will consist of fried clams, fried fish, calamari, french fries, venison sausage, venison chili and veggies.

Dinner will feature venison roast, mongolian elk, teriyaki venison, quail & pheasant curry, venison meatloaf, halibut, green beans and potatoes. Beverages will be provided. For dessert we will have pies and/or cookies.



After dinner we'll have our raffle drawings with the grand prize being a Magellan 3100 Automotive GPS. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the dinner for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. If you have any new items you would like to contribute to help make gift baskets please contact Roz Mascio @ 206-937-3614. We will need to collect these items by February 11th.

Dinner tickets will be available at the door for \$18.00 or you may buy them in advance for \$15.00 by contacting Fred Burr or by using the attached Membership Renewal & Big Game Dinner Advance Ticket Order Form. Children 12 and under are free.

If advance ordering your tickets, please order soon enough that we have time to send them to you. Members that have paid their 2008 club dues or pay them at the door, may also receive their tickets at the \$15.00 price. Buying your tickets in advance saves you money and really helps us plan for the event.

Hope to see you all there.

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 events 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 them with you to the next club meeting. You can even advance order your Big Game dinner tickets at a reduced price.

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

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

No February Club Meeting

No club meeting in February we will see you at the Big Game dinner. For those helping at the Game Dinner we will be having a special meeting at the range on Wednesday the 6th at 7 PM. We will be going over what needs to be done, what needs to be bought and who is doing what. Also if you have game to donate for the dinner please contact Jerry Mascio. †

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

Adopts Restrictions on Recreational Shooting; Disregards Concerns of NRA Members

Monday, January 14, 2008

At a public meeting last month, the nine-member Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission unanimously adopted rules that will make it easier to prohibit recreational shooting on all state land controlled by the Department of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) and that imposes other restrictions on shooters.

Ignoring the concerns raised by NRA members, including testimony provided by NRA staff at the meeting, the Commission unanimously rubberstamped the proposal that was before it. The new rules, WAC 232-13-130 (1) (b), authorize the DFW to prohibit the discharge of firearms on any or all portions of Department land at any time and for any (or no) reason. Without public notice or input, DFW will be able to prohibit recreational shooting on any state land by merely posting signs. In turn, it may designate limited areas open for limited shooting under WAC 232-13-130 (2).

Further, the rules create an arbitrary 1000-foot diameter "no-shooting area" around every designated campground (500 feet out in all directions). It was clearly conveyed to the Commission that one individual could be "illegally" shooting 100 feet away from a campground and be entirely safe while another could be "legally" shooting 501 feet away and be unsafe. Specific local conditions such as topography and variables such as campground usage and the direction of

the shooting should be the relevant factors. Essentially, all nine commissioners went along with the argument made by the DFW Chief of Enforcement that campgrounds should be covered by the same standards already in state law that apply a 500 foot buffer around schools and homes. They ignored the NRA arguments that there are very basic differences between schools and homes in populated areas and campgrounds in the middle of rural, forested land where recreational shooting has occurred safely for generations.

Incredibly, the Commission even refused to add language that would exempt the discharge of a firearm for self-defense in campgrounds. As NRA pointed out during the public meeting, the new blanket prohibition violates Article I, Section 24 of the Washington State Constitution.

Finally, WAC 232-13-130 (1) (c) now makes it unlawful to fail to remove expended shell casings and other target shooting debris after shooting activities. Another NRA suggestion that a "good faith effort" or "due diligence" standard be added to the language was ignored. What this means in practical terms is that a conscientious shooter who makes a legitimate attempt to clean up after his target practice session, but recovers only 99 percent of the shell casings he fired, is subject to sanctions for "littering."

It is important to note that there were four sections of the proposed rules that were very controversial. In addition to the section on firearms and shooting, there were sections regarding vehicle use, livestock and resource removal. The Commission acknowledged the concerns of the other user groups by voting to defer action on those issues but

ignored the concerns of shooters when adopting the restrictive language outlined above. This action is a clear indication of how commissioners feel about the concerns of shooters as compared to those of other public land users. **Firearm owners and recreational shooters need to stand up and take note of how this policy-setting body and its individual members feel about your interests and rights!**

Unfortunately, the vote has been taken and, for now, the damage has been done. However, amendments to the section on firearms could be made in the future. **With this in mind, here are some things you can do in response to the action taken by the WDFW Commission:**

1) Contact the Commission office to politely and respectfully express your displeasure with the action taken by the Commission regarding firearms and target shooting. Ask that staff forward your concerns to all nine commissioners. The Commission staff can be reached by E-mail at commission@dfw.wa.gov or by phone at 360/902-2267.

2) Contact Governor Gregoire's office to politely and respectfully express your displeasure with the action taken by the Fish & Wildlife Commission regarding firearms and target shooting. All nine of the current commissioners were appointed by Governor Gregoire. Contact information for the Governor can be found at the following link: <http://www.governor.wa.gov/contact/default.asp>

3) Contact your legislators to let them know what the WDFW Commission has done and express your concerns. Not only must the DFW work closely with the legislature (including for approval of its budget!) but, at the present time, a majority of the commissioners are still pending confirmation. They may have significant leverage to influence future changes in the adopted rules! **Call the legislative hotline at 800/562-6000 or visit**
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Up coming Small bore & Air Matches

Feb 9	Puyallup	Icicle II (Junior 3-P)
Feb 16-17	West Seattle	Open Air Rifle Sectional
Feb 23-24	Olympia	Junior Olympic Air Rifle 3-P C'ship (West)
Mar 1-2	West Seattle	Junior 4-P, Air Rifle Sectionals
Mar 8	West Seattle	Pistol-Air (9 AM) & Standard (Noon)
Mar 8-9	Vancouver	Open NRA 3-Position & Air Rifle Sectionals
Mar 15-15	West Seattle	Junior 3-P & 3-P Air Rifle Sectionals
Mar 15-16	Vancouver	State 4-P Championship (West)
Mar 22	Centralia	State Junior Indoor Championship (West)
Apr 5	West Seattle	Cub Match (prone & kneeling)
Apr 12	West Seattle	Pistol-Air (9 AM) & Standard (Noon)
Apr 19	Tacoma	Conventional Prone School & Practice Match
Apr 26	Puyallup	Junior International 3-P PTO
May 9	Wenatchee	Junior air rifle match
May 10-11	Wenatchee	Jr. Outdoor Championships

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 Sportsman's Club

Sponsors of the Roger Dahl Rifle Training Range

OFFICERS

President – Greg Boyd 206-965-9629
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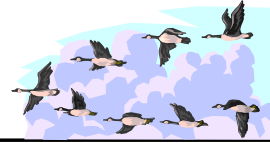
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Fred Burr
 Ernie Frey
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Contact us at: info@westseattlesportsmen.org



The West Seattle Sportsman'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 Sportsman'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 bird 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 16th - Big Game Dinner
- Feb 20th - Board Meeting
- Mar 5th - Club Meeting
- Mar 19th - Board Meeting
- Apr 2nd - Club Meeting
- Apr 18th-20th - Razor Claming
- Apr 23rd - Board Meeting
- Apr 26th - Kids Fishing Derby
- May 2nd-4th - Quincy Lakes
- May 7th - Club Meeting
- May 17th - Fishing Kids Event

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 SPORTSMAN'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 SPORTSMAN'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 Sportsman'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

Wanted to Find - Bert McKim's lead melting furnace. If anyone knows who might have this please call Kenny McKim at (206) 935 2853.

For Sale – Browning A-5, FN Manufacture, 12 GA full choke, 29½” BBL, Solid Rib, Butt Plate Added, Serial 138518, Mfgd 1929 \$650.00. Contact Fred Burr 206-935-4883

For Sale – Colt single-action Frontier Scout 22 Long Rifle Pistol \$400.00. Contact Fred Burr 206-935-4883

For Sale – Pistol box \$50.00. Contact Fred Burr 206-935-4883

For Sale – Daisy Model 717 Target Air Pistol \$75.00. 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.....



For Sale - Questar center console, rebuilt Suzuki outboard, new canvas. This is Fred Hutchison's old boat. Rumor has it that it's about 15' with a 70hp outboard, but you can contact Jerry Mascio for more info. 206-937-3614, \$7500 OBO †

WDFW Shooting Restrictions from page 2 the legislative website to find your district and legislators: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/legislature>

4) Pay close attention to the issues considered by the WDFW Commission and watch how they vote on issues of concern to shooters, hunters and firearm owners. Attend Commission meetings, especially when they are in your geographical area. Find out if any of the commissioners live in your area

and schedule a meeting with them. Discuss your concerns and establish a dialogue with the goal of working to change the adopted rules or at least influence future decisions. A list of Commissioners can be found at the following link:

<http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/com/commiss.htm> Click on the individual names for the commissioners' biographies but don't be fooled by those who claim to be hunters and firearm enthusiasts. They all voted against you!

5) Contact the NRA if you see DFW land being closed to shooting, if you know of areas around certain campgrounds (to be closed soon) where shooting is safe and appropriate or if you are subjected to unreasonable enforcement action by DFW personnel for legitimate shooting activities (i.e. the unreasonable "littering" standard). DFW commissioners have "promised" shooters there will be no illegitimate closures or over-enforcement. NRA can be reached at: 800/392-8683. †



The West Seattle Sportsman's Club
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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 Saturday, February 16, 2008) by Filling out the attached form. Receive a \$3 per ticket discount when you advance order your tickets (Price at door will be \$18.00).

Mail your completed form with your Check or Money Order to the:

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

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 SPORTSMAN'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 12 and under free)
Total: \$ _____

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

Method of Payment _____
NAME

Check

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