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Next Club Meeting

At our next club meeting on Wednesday, March 5th at 7:30 PM we will have a Guest Speaker, Steven Loo. Steven and his father recently went on a Dove Hunting Trip to Argentina. Steven will be sharing with us some of the details of his trip and we will find out if he bagged the 1,000 birds he was trying for.

We will be having some leftover Venison Meat Loaf (from the Big Game Dinner). So come make a sandwich at our next club meeting and hear about Dove hunting in Argentina. †

Up Coming Trips & Outings

This year's **fresh water fishing trip** (June 13th–15th) will be to Rocky Point Campground on Alder Lake. Alder Lake is south of here and is

made up by a dam on the Nisqually River. Fishing will be available on Alder Lake or at nearby Mineral Lake. Alder is known for its Kokanee fishing mainly but also has Rainbow Trout, Bass and Perch. Mineral Lake has both Rainbow and Brown Trout. Rainbow Trout have been reported in the 8 to 14 lb range here, not all will catch trout of this size, but the lake is very rich and trout tend to put on weight fast here. We have some spots reserved at Rock Point Camp ground already and if you want to see if your name is already on the list or you would like to be added to it call Jerry Mascio at 206-937-3614. Hook up sites (power and water) are \$57 dollars for the 2 nights.

Our **Eastern Washington fishing trip** will be May 2nd thru 4th most likely to Quincy Lake again.

Razor clamming will be on tap for the weekend of April 18th –20th if the state game department keeps with their current plans. We most likely will stay at the Blue Pacific Motel and RV Park again, their phone number is 360-289-2262 I would suggest you call soon for reservations if you plan to go. †

Lap Top Needed

Does anybody have an old lap top computer that is in good working order that they would like to donate to the club for use in hunter safety training classes? If you do please contact Greg Boyd at 206-965-9629. †

Big Game Dinner

This year's Big Game Dinner was another big success. We'd like to thank everyone that attended, cooked the fantastic meal, donated meat and prizes and helped in any way. Also, congratulations to Mary Erickson who won the GPS in the raffle. Maybe now she can keep Rolf going in the right direction!

We'd also like to extend a special thank you to Outdoor Emporium/Sportco (www.sportco.com) and the Federal Way Sportsman's Warehouse (www.sportsmanswarehouse.com) for donating gift cards and prizes to our raffle.

Please show your appreciation by frequenting these fine establishments.



A tasty addition to the Big Game Dinner this year was the donation of kegs of Manny's Pale Ale and Roger's Pilsner by the Georgetown Brewing Company. You can check out their webpage at (www.georgetownbeer.com). Next time you feel like having a beer, why not stop on by and thank them for their donation. †

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Deer Herds Still In Good Shape Despite Heavy Snows

Taken from *Fishing in Hunting News* written by Leroy Ledeboer

When one major snowstorm after another was burying Cascade passes and Washington's prime muley and whitetail country, big game hunters had to start wondering if we were in for another 1996-97 winter which devastated the Eastside's deer herds.

Well, barring absolutely catastrophic weather patterns in February and March, the answer is no.

Matt Monda, WDFW Region 2 head big game biologist, explains it thusly: "In '96-97 the snows came as early as late October, and then they stayed and stayed into spring, and that's the real killer. In Chelan County right now we have more snow on our deer range than we have had in the past few years, but it didn't arrive until late December and early January, and the deer are still in good shape.

"So unless this goes on until way into March with additional snows and cold, I think we should be OK. Even in a normal winter,

you are going to have some fawn mortality, but unless we get a real cold snap, much more snow or a very late spring, the deer losses shouldn't be too great.

"Deer can deal with some winter stress. That's why they go into it with extra fat so they can survive. What they can't take, particularly the fawns, is prolonged exposure to deep snow and bitter cold," Monda says. Ongoing monitoring: But he says the department is concerned.

"We have been monitoring the situation. In Douglas County the snows are deeper than normal, but they didn't crust over, so the deer stayed up higher and more spread out, which is a good sign," Monda says.

In the Methow, where wildlife biologist Scott Fitkins both works and makes his home, this winter's snows have hit the deer ranges even harder.

"We have about 32 inches on the valley floor in Winthrop," Fitkins told me in mid-January, "but the saving grace has been that we haven't had any extremely low temperatures, and we haven't had any crusting, except early on when the snow wasn't deep.

"Now I'm just hoping we get a reasonably early thaw. I'd hate to see this deep snow hang around too long because then we could start losing fawns. But I'm still pretty hopeful."

Over in the Okanogan Valley, biologist Jeff Heinlen is seeing an even better scenario.

"Our snowfall came late, which definitely helps, and it's not real bad, maybe just slightly above normal. I took measurements the other day, and at 1,000 feet we had 18 inches on the level and lots of deer. Go higher, to 2,600 feet and it's 36 inches and almost all the deer are gone."

What Heinlen fears most is a February with crusted snow and bitter cold, the first sapping a deer's energy as it searches for browse, the second burning away precious fat reserves.

In the southeast corner, WDFW's Pat Fowler is also seeing heavier-than-normal snow levels, but by late January no significant deer herd damage.

"We did get lucky this year with our fall rains in the foothills, which greened things up, so the deer went into winter in better shape than they have been in recent years," Fowler explains, "so we might have some fawn losses, but unless spring is unusually late, it shouldn't be too bad."

Elk: Meanwhile, WDFW says they will again feed elk at the Mt.

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Up coming Small bore & Air Matches

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
May 31	Tacoma	Schützenfest / NRA 3-P Championship
June 1	Tacoma	Schützenfest / NRA 3-P Championship
Jun 7-8	Tacoma	Koehler Memorial prone

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.

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Rolf's Cooking Corner

Spanish Rice or Green Pepper Stuffing

- 1 lb ground beef or turkey
- 2 large onion, chopped
- 2 large green pepper, chopped
- 2 (16 oz.) cans tomatoes, chopped
- 1 cup white rice, uncooked
- 3-4 tsp. chili powder
- 2 tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. pepper

In a large skillet, brown (beef or turkey), onion, and green pepper. Drain fat if using beef. Add tomatoes, rice, chili powder, salt and pepper. Reduce heat to simmer and cover for 25 minutes or until rice is done. Serve serves 6-8.



The above mixture also makes a great stuffing for green peppers. Cut the tops off 6-8 green peppers. Remove seeds and fibrous insides. Fill with mixture and place in glass baking dish and cover with plastic wrap. Microwave on high for 10 minutes or until green peppers are soft.

Events Calendar

- 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 McKinney's 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 †

Coming Soon

The club will start offering, in the coming months, machine embroidered shirts, hats and sweatshirts featuring the club name and logo. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters and at club meetings. †

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St. Helens Wildlife Area. Over 425 were gathered at the area east of Toutle. On the other side of the Cascades, biologist Jeff Bernatowicz doesn't see any issues with the Yakima herd as the snow there is in higher country. They can be viewed at the Oak Creek WA headquarters, off Highway 12. †



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