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Guest Speaker at April Club Meeting

April Club Meeting

At our next Club Meeting, on Wednesday, April 7 at 7:30 PM, we have a guest speaker. Mark Sears, will be giving a talk and slide show on Central Puget Sound Whales. Mark does research on resident Orca pods J, K & L along with transient Orcas and Gray Whales. Mark has a federal permit to do research on our Puget Sound Whales and has been doing this since 1976. This should be a very informative presentation on them and their habitat.

We will have a short meeting to cover some club business such as the up coming Kids Fishing Event, then Mark will start his show. †

March Razor Clamming

A small group of us braved the wind, and rain and went down to Ocean City for some afternoon Razor Clamming March 27th and 28th.

We camped at the Blue Pacific RV park in Ocean City and had a good time there. The weather must have held some people back this year, as there was not the usual crowd at the campsite or on the beach.

Saturday's clamming was great, warm dry weather and lots of clams, I'd say we had our limits in less than an hour easy. Sunday was a different story the wind and rain came up and made for a very hard digging. My guess is the wind was about

45 miles an hour steady with higher gusts. We could not see where they were to dig with all the wind and surf. 2 ½ hours and I only had 3 Clams, Greg had 5, and I do not know, how but Cam was able to get his limit. Michelle also got her limit with the help of some locals and Rolf also got some but I do not know how many. We stayed Sunday night and the wind only got stronger along with the rain. Wind was the worst after 11 PM and sometime over night it subsided. It was pretty calm in the morning with some sun between rain and hail showers. †

Youth Conservation Camp

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 18th - 24th and boys going July 25th - 31st. 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 or nephews 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 at the May Club Meeting.

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 at or before the May club meeting or by mailing to: The West Seattle Sportsmen's Club P.O. Box 16258 Seattle, WA 98116

Entries must be post-marked no later than May 5th, 2010.

For more information on the camp see please see their web site at <http://www.washingtonconservationcamp.org/>. †

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April Fishing & Hunting Opportunities

April Brings Flurry of 'Opening Days' For Trout, Turkey, Lingcod, Razor Clams. For many anglers, "opening day" is synonymous with the start of the lowland lakes trout-fishing season, which gets under way April 24. More than 300,000 Washingtonians are expected to descend on trout-stocked waters throughout the state that day to kick off the new season.

But anglers – and hunters, too – are also looking forward this month to a variety of other "opening days" for seasons ranging from lingcod fishing on the north coast to turkey hunting throughout the state. Meanwhile, the spring chinook fishery is heating up on the Columbia River and another razor-clam dig is tentatively scheduled April 16-18, provided that tests show the clams remain safe to eat.

"April really marks the start of the new year for fishing and hunting," said Joe Stohr, deputy director of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). "Some winter fisheries are still going strong, but the an-

nual cycle is beginning again with a new year of outdoor activities."

For most people, a valid 2010-11 fishing or hunting license is required to get in on the action after March 31, when all 2009-10 licenses expire. The exception is young people under age 15, who may fish for free.

Fishing and hunting licenses may be purchased by phone (1-866-246-9453), over the Internet (<https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/>), or from license vendors throughout the state (see <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/vendors> for a list).

Key dates for anglers and hunters to keep in mind in the coming weeks include:

April 1 - More than two dozen small lakes in central Washington open to catch-and-keep fishing.

April 3-4 - A two-day spring turkey hunt for hunters age 15 and younger is scheduled statewide.

April 15 - The general spring turkey hunt opens for hunters of all ages and runs through May 31. See WDFW's Washington Wild Turkey Spring Season pamphlet for details at

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/game/water/turkey>.

April 16 - Lingcod fishing opens off Neah Bay in Marine Area 4. The fishery has been open in ocean marine areas 1-3 since mid-March.

April 16-18 – Razor clam digs are tentatively planned at various ocean beaches on morning tides, pending the results of marine toxin tests. All are scheduled on morning tides and digging ends at noon. Tentative dates and tides: Friday, April 16 (8:32 a.m., -0.7 ft.) Long Beach and Twin Harbors only, Saturday, April 17 (9:12 a.m., -0.7 ft) Long Beach, Twin Harbors and Kalaloch only, Sunday, April 18 (9:56 a.m., -0.6 ft) Long Beach, Twin Harbors and Kalaloch only.

April 24 - Several hundred lowland lakes open to trout fishing across the state for the biggest "opening day" of the year.

Although new fishing licenses are required as of April 1, most new fishing regulations approved by the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission don't go into effect until May 1st. Those regulations are posted on the WDFW website at http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/regs/rule_proposals/. All new regulations will be reflected in the new Fishing in Washington pamphlet, available later this month. †

Up coming Small bore & Air Matches

Apr 10	West Seattle	Air Pistol & Standard Pistol Matches
Apr 18	Tacoma	Prone Sight-In & Practice Match
Apr 24	Puyallup	Junior International 3-P PTO
May 7	Wenatchee	Junior air rifle match
May 8-9	Wenatchee	Jr. Outdoor Championships
Jun 5-6	Tacoma	Schützenfest / NRA 3-P Championship
Jun 12-13	Tacoma	Koehler Memorial prone
Jul 24-25	Vancouver	NRA 3-Position Regional
Aug 20-22	Tacoma	State Smallbore International Camp
Sep 11	Puyallup	State 4-H Championship
Sep 11-12	Tacoma	State Conventional Prone Championship
Sep 25-26	Tacoma	Schützenfest / Outdoor Int'l Championship
Oct 30-31	Olympia	State Indoor Int'l 3-P Championship (West)
Nov 20	Puyallup	JORC (West)
Dec 4	Olympia	JOARC (West)

Range Hours and Activity

Monday - Small Bore - 6 PM, Tuesday - Winter Rifle League, Wednesday - Juniors, Thursday Winter Pistol League - 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

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Rolf's Cooking Corner

Clam Chowder

This is the recipe served at Big Game Dinner

Ingredients

- 13 oz minced Razor Clams
- 1 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 cup finely diced celery
- 2 cups finely diced potatoes
- 3/4 cup butter or margarine
- 3/4 cup flour
- 4 cups half-and-half, warmed
- 1 teaspoon salt, to taste
- 1 dash pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar

Directions:

1. In a medium saucepan, drain the juice from the clams; set the clams aside.



2. Combine clam juice with the onions, celery and potatoes.
 3. Add enough water to barely cover and simmer, covered, over medium heat until the potatoes are tender, about 20 minutes.
 4. In a large saucepan, melt the butter.
 5. Add flour and stir in to the butter.
 6. Slowly whisk in the warm half-and-half.
 7. Cook and whisk until smooth and thick, about 5 minutes.
 8. If you want thinner chowder, add 1/2 to 3/4 cup water or clam broth.
 9. Add the vegetables with their cooking liquid, clams, salt, pepper and sugar to the pan.
 10. Stir well and adjust the seasonings if necessary.
- Serve with a bread bowl. If you can't find them at the store improvise. At home we found large round rolls and cut them straight down and then pulled them apart. Forget about cutting them at an angle - no room for the chowder! †

Events Calendar

- Apr 7th - Club Meeting
- Apr 21st - Board Meeting
- May 5th - Club Meeting
- May 15th - Kids Fishing Derby
- May 19th - Board Meeting
- June 2nd - Clam Bake
- June 3rd - 6th - Fresh Water Fishing Trip to Banks Lake

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@wssportsmen.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.



Stuff For Sale



For Sale - 2 Mobile Homes in Birch Bay Village, one is 2 bedroom, 1 bath, the other is 2 bedroom, 2 baths on nice wooded lots. Amenities include 24 hr security, community beaches, community swimming pool and tennis courts, golf course, marina. Great crabbing, fishing, and clamming. Financing available, \$95,000, \$120,000 call for more details, Jerry 206-719-3528

For Sale - 35 Remington Ammo - 30 plus rounds rescued from garage sale, age unknown, \$5.00. Call Kim 253-850-7380.

For Sale - 12 ga C&H shot gun shell reloader includes dies and powder measure call Fred Burr 206-935-4883.

For Sale - Upright large freezer, Contact Cam at 206-431-8337.

For Sale - Club Logo items available; hats \$15.00, shirts and other items available too. We have a few special 75th Anniversary Logo hats available also. Contact Tony at the club meetings, by email at tony@wssportsmen.org or by phone at 425-226-5643.

If you have something you would like to list in this section please send an email to "info@wssportsmen.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.....†

Kids Fishing Event

We're coming up on our annual kid's fishing derby we put on for the children in our community. Once again we will need volunteers to help run this event. So mark your calendar for Saturday May 15th and stay tuned for more information in next month's newsletter and at our club meeting. †



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