



The West Seattle Sportsman

April 2013

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April Club Meeting on Wednesday, April 3rd

For the April General Club Meeting we will have a presentation by Steve Loo on his recent dove hunting trip to Argentina. Congratulations to Steve for finally getting his first thousand bird day. This is a big service to the local population, since there are so many of these doves that they're considered a pest and the local population eats the doves that the hunters kill.

We are also planning on serving more left overs from our Big Game Dinner.

Hope to see you all there.

New Facebook Admins for the Club

We'd really like to thank Rey Singson and Brian McNally for taking over the administration of our Club's Facebook page. This is a huge help and it sounds like they have some very good ideas.

We'd also like to thank Pam White for the work she did on our page. Pam did a great job, but is leaving our club due to moving out of the area.

Like us on Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/West-Seattle-Sportsmens-Club/125645832834>

Dues Reminder

We would like to remind everyone to pay your 2013 dues if you haven't already. Dues are \$40, which is the same as last year.

Shrimping

Mikie Palmquist is trying to organize an Elliott Bay shrimp outing. The opening days are May 5th and 11th from 7am to 3pm. Mike is also looking for people with boats for this event.

If you have interest in going please contact Mike at 206-979-8807..

Kids Fishing Derby

This years Kid's Fishing Derby is scheduled for June 1st. We've still in the planning stages, but we'd like to start lining up volunteers to help with the event. It takes a fair amount of volunteers, since we'll need to set up the pond on Friday morning of May 31st and then schedule people to watch the pond all the way through Saturday

morning when we run our event.

No experience is necessary to volunteer and there will be a variety of jobs available. Jobs include guarding the pond, signing kids in, handing out fishing rods, baiting hooks, helping the kids fish and more.

This is a really fun and rewarding event to work. A lot of times you're watching a child and their parents

catching their first fish together.

We'd also really like to have young people volunteer. The kids really respond well to other kids and teenagers helping them fish and it's also a great chance for your high school student to get some volunteer hours in.

If you're interested, please contact Greg Boyd at greg@wssportsmen.org or 206-818-4469.

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Junior News

The following juniors will be attending the National Junior Olympic Championships in Colorado Springs in April. The match will be held at the Olympic Training Center, and the kids will be staying in the athlete dorms, so will be living the life of an Olympian for a few days.

Lauren Phillips - Air Rifle

Corinne Blair - Smallbore

(Missed Air Rifle qualification by 2 points)

Jack Ellis - Smallbore & Air Rifle

Alec Patajo - Smallbore & Air Rifle

Congratulations to all of you and good shooting!

Trip Report - Razor Clamming

- by Greg Boyd

For everyone that didn't join us on the razor clamming trip on Easter weekend you really missed out.

Except for a little fog as we were coming off the beach on Sunday, it was sunny and warm the entire time. Since Twin Harbors was the only beach open for digging on Sunday we decided to stay at the Pacific Motel and RV in Westport. It's a nice private

campground, with very friendly owners and a nice cleaning station and it worked out very well.



The clams were showing everywhere and it was really easy to get our limits quickly. The only downside was that the clams weren't all that large at Twin Harbors where we were digging. We had been tipped off that they were getting much larger clams at Ocean Shores, but decided to accept the smaller clams instead of driving the extra 100 miles round trip to go up to Ocean Shores from Westport.



Next Club Razor Clamming Opportunity

If you missed our last trip, you've still got another chance to go razor clamming with us this year.

We're planning on digging again on Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28th. The tides look great those days at -1.7feet.

We are planning on staying at the Blue Pacific Motel and RV Park.

2707 State Route 109
Ocean City, WA. 98569
360-289-2262

<http://http://bluepacificmotel.com/>

Contact Greg Boyd 206-818-4469

For Sale

- Classic 1955 15hp Evinrude Fastwin outboard motor with tank.

- Outboard motor gas tank shell and hose (no valve assembly).

- 2 shrimp pots with weights.

- 2 long handled smelt dipping nets.

Contact Ken McKim 206-015-6705 or vkmckim@juno.com

Upcoming Small bore & Air Matches

Dates	Place	Match Name	Point of Contact
April 13	Seattle	WSSC Air and Standard Pistol	Rob Cozens
Nov 9	Seattle	WSSC Air and Standard Pistol	Rob Cozens
Dec 14	Seattle	WSSC Air and Standard Pistol	Rob Cozens

Range Hours and Activity

Monday - Small Bore - 6:30 PM,
Tuesday - Rifle League, - 6:00 PM
Wednesday - Juniors - Contact Joe Matter joe@vashonjrc.com for Junior information and shooting times.
Cost: Adult members \$2.00, non-members \$4.00, Juniors \$2.00.

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Equipment Report - Clamhawg Clamming Gun



Tony and I tried out our brand new Clamhawg clam guns this weekend. I discovered these clam guns off a youtube video and decided to order the 5" diameter, 37" long Clamhawg model from <http://www.crabhawk.com>. They also sell a 4 1/2" diameter Clamhawg model, but I prefer the larger tubes, since I break fewer clams.

Most 5" diameter clam guns are a lot of work to pull back out of the sand due to the suction. The great thing about these clam guns are that they have an air vent to release the suction and are very easy to use. The air vent only goes the length of the tube so it can get clogged, but it cleans easily by dunking it in water.

The gun is made from a stainless steel tube and a heavy duty PVC handle. It seems well built and the only negatives

are that the black paint on the handle scratches fairly easily and the \$100 price.

All in all this clamgun was much easier to use and recommended.

June Camping Trip - Riffe Lake

We are planning on going to Riffe Lake June 21-23 and staying at Taidnapam Campground. I will be staying in site 221 so if you'd like to go please reserve your site close to us by calling (888) 226-7688 or online at...

<http://www.mytpu.org/tacomapower/parks-rec/taidnapam-park.htm>.

Riffe lake has plenty of fishing opportunities. From my brief research it appears that a lot of people troll for small silvers in the lake using a variety of gear, like pink mini squid, pink wedding rings, etc. Basically fish them like Kokanees.

It's a large lake so you'll probably want at a boat with an outboard on it to fish.

You can also fish from the bridge using worms or shrimp. It sounds like people do well

there, but loose a number of fish when they have to reel them up from the water to the bridge. One person suggested putting a bridle on a landing net and lifting it up like a crab ring.

If you don't have a suitable boat or feel like fishing from the bridge, there's also nearby Swofford Pond. We fished that last time were their and did really well catching trout on the standard lures like wedding rings and chartreuse powerbait. This lake is small enough that you can fish it from rowing a raft or pontoon boat comfortably.

If you think there's a chance that you might be interested in this trip I'd recommend that you reserve a campsite. You can always cancel it as it gets closer, but there's no guarantee that you'll find one if you decide to go at the last minute.

Contact Greg Boyd 206-818-4469

Baker Lake Sockeye Fishing July 18 - 21

We have a group site reserved at Swift Creek Campground for July 18-21. Our hope is that this will line up with a sockeye fishery opening like it has the last couple years. I've got room for two more RV's in the group site so if you'd like to join us please contact Greg Boyd.

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)

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