



The West Seattle Sportsman

February 2013

Big Game Dinner - Saturday, February 16th at 6pm



Tickets are \$20 at the door, but Club Members get a 10% discount so they only pay \$18 each for any tickets they buy. Kids 12 years and younger are free.

This is our main fundraising event for the year so be sure to invite friends and family and bring extra money for the raffle. Our main prize this year will be an Outfitter Pontoon Boat and we'll have many other prizes like usual. Raffle tickets will cost \$1 each or you can get 6 tickets for \$5.

If you have any questions or would like to help or donate items, please contact Greg Boyd at 206-818-4469 or greg@wssportsmen.org

Big Game Dinner

This year's Big Game Dinner will be on Saturday, February 16th at the American Legion Hall in West Seattle (3618 SW Alaska St). Doors open at 6pm, when appetizers will be served, and dinner will be served at 7pm.

February Club Meeting on Wednesday, Feb 6

After taking care of a couple brief items of Club business we will dedicate the rest of the meeting to plan the Big Game Dinner.

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. Be sure to pay them before or at the Big Game Dinner to get your 10% member discount off dinner tickets.



NRA Membership

With the current political climate, I'm sure many of you are recommending to your friends that they join the NRA. We would like to remind people

that if anyone signs up or renews their NRA membership through our Club they'll only pay \$25 instead of the normal \$35 for an annual membership and our Club also gets a \$10 commission as a recruiter.

All you have to do is to go to www.wssportsmen.org and click on the "Join NRA" image on the upper right. Be sure to tell all your friends and don't forget when it's time to renew your own membership.

We're also planning to have membership forms at the Big Game Dinner if you want to join or add a year there. If you don't have web access you can contact Greg Boyd at 206-818-4469.

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Totems Shooting News

The Totems have had another busy month. They competed in the Icicle match at the beginning of January, the State Air Rifle Championship, the Civilian Marksmanship Program's Postal Match and the American Legion Postal Match.

The Icicle is a local only match, but it does offer an Olympic Style final. Three Totems finished in the top 10: Lauren, Emma and Casey.

This equals the largest number of Totems to reach the finals in this event. Pressure mounts as the score of each shot is announced. Fortunately, the girls were up to the challenge and did quite well.

The State Air Rifle match was held in Olympia and featured 13 Totems in the event. The event consists of 2 matches: a 40 shot offhand and a 60 shot 3 Position match. Lauren won the 3 Position match, came in 2nd in offhand match and finished 2nd overall. Lauren was the highest scoring Junior in the match. Alec Patajo came in 3rd overall and Emma Carey came in 5th. The rest of the totems had a strong showing with a number of personal bests set by Case, Vic, Sumner, Casey, Katelynn and Nick.

The CMP Postal match is a 30 shot 3P match, which was shot at West Seattle. They take the top 4 finishers to select the top team. The Thunderbird team of Alec, Owen, Corinne and Lauren shot a combined score of 1147/1200, which should place them high in the ranking nationally.

The Chiefs team of Casey, Katelynn, Emma and Jack shot a 1130, which would have qualified the team for nationals last year. We will see if the scores hold up for an invite to regionals.

Lastly, the American Legion match was held on Jan 30. In this match the shooters are fighting to make the top ten nationally to get invited to the second round. The top 30 individuals qualify for the individual section of the match as well. The Thunderbird team of Lauren, Casey, Emma and Owen shot a 2302/2400. Lauren shot a 584/600 to finish on top for the night. Now we just wait for the results to be published.

The Totems are in action for the next 7 weekends as they compete in 8 NRA Sectional events, a Jr Olympic Qualifier, the State Indoor Smallbore Championships and the Groundhog match.†

Upcoming Matches

Open to all (including adults).

Feb 16&17. State 4P State Championships

This is the Open Individual and Team Championships. If you shoot rifle winter league, then you should this match. Targets are A-17. Course is 20 shot per position for an 80 total match. Team portion is an additional 10 shots per position. The juniors would like to see some adult teams and former totems. In this match.

Feb 24&25 Open International Air Rifle Sectional

The open sectional is a 60 shot offhand air match. There is also a team portion to this match. Infiltration squadding is being used.

March 2&3 Open 3P Sectional

This is a full course match (40 shots per position). Space is limited on this. If you are interested, please sign up early. Team competition is also available

March 16&17 Open 3P Air Rifle Sectional

This is 20 shots per position with an air rifle. Team competition is available.

If you are interested in any of these matches, please contact Joe Matter, joe@westseattletotems.org for more information.

Up coming Small bore & Air Matches

Dates	Place	Match Name	Point of Contact
March 10	Seattle	WSSC Air and Standard Pistol	Rob Cozens
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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Trip Report - Columbia River Sturgeon Fishing

by Greg Boyd

Tom Kocir talked a few of us into foolishly joining him to go down to the Columbia River and attempt to catch some sturgeon during a brief opener at the Bonneville Reservoir during January. Tom setup the trip with Aaron Wilson, who runs Latitude47Fishing Guide Service (www.Yourfishin.com) for Saturday, January 19th. The plan was for Steve Loo and myself to meet Tom, Rick and Tom's Grandson Manny down in Hood River, OR on Friday. Steve and I made a leisurely drive down and stopped by Lamiglas in Woodland. I needed them to replace a tip guide on a sturgeon rod, which they did, without charge, while we waited. We checked out their outlet store for a while and struggled to convince ourselves not to load up on the great deals they had there (\$50 salmon and halibut rods). After leaving Lamiglas we headed down to a place in Portland for dinner that is somewhat infamous for good steaks at a low price. Probably not the best steaks we've ever had, but a pretty decent 8oz ribeye steak (with potato and salad bar) for only \$7.

After that we finally made it over to the Best Western in Hood River to meet up with the other guys.

We met Aaron at the boat ramp the next morning at 7am and after getting ourselves loaded aboard his 23.5' Wool-dridge open aluminum boat, he made a short run up river where he dropped anchor and rigged up. He was using Okuma rods and reels, with spectra line and used smelt for bait. It didn't take long before we were getting bites, but they kept being undersized. We could only keep fish between 38" and 54". Unfortunately that was the pattern for the entire 7 ½ hours we fished, with the exception of a nice 42" keeper Manny landed.



We definitely had no complaints with Aaron, our guide. He put us on the fish and we probably caught around 65 fish for the day, between the five of us, but only one keeper. In fact, our boat and his friend's boat that was fishing next to us brought in the only three legal fish on the river for the day.



Oh, and did I mention it was really, really cold. It probably didn't get above about 25 degrees all day in that open aluminum boat and we were all feeling it. †

Seattle Gun Buy Back Interview

Brian Callanan, the host of the Seattle Channel, interviewed a couple of our members for a program they did on the Seattle Gun Buy Back.

He did a very balanced interview so you might want to check it out at...

www.seattlechannel.org/videos/video.asp?ID=3061304&file=1

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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