



The West Seattle Sportsman

July 2014

The General Meeting is the Shoot and Toot July 2nd!!!

June was a busy month for the West Seattle Sportsmen's Club. We started out with our Kids Fishing Pond, then immediately had our Clam Bake. We just got back from our June camping trip and now it's time to start out July with our annual Shoot and Toot.



For those of you who've never worked one of these kids fishing events, we put in a lot of hours getting ready. It pretty much starts in January, when we start lining up the fish, city permit, parking permits and Seacrest Park. As we approach the event we have to coordinate the delivery of the fish, make sure the pond and equipment is there and coordinate getting ice made up. Once we finally get to the day before the event we have to haul equipment to Seacrest Park, setup and fill the pond, then repair any of the bamboo poles that need it. Then it's just a matter of waiting for the trout to show up and periodical go get ice to add to the water so it stays cool enough for the fish. Volunteers stay with the pond all the time from setup until the event the next day. But once the kids show up it's all worth it. Lots of happy kids and smiling parents.

played a part in creating lasting memories for the kids and their parents.

Pictures of the event are available on our website so be sure to check them out.

Kids Fishing Pond

Once again we had a great turnout to our Kids Fishing Pond at Seacrest Park. We had 146 kids fish during the three hours of the event, which is the second highest turnout ever!

I'd really like to thank everyone that helped with this event. This is an event that many families look forward to every year and you all

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Local Crabbing/Crab Boil

On the weekend of July 19th and 20th, we're planning on getting together to do some crabbing off of Alki.

We'll have a couple of small boats there to run people out to drop pots on Saturday and pull them back up on Sunday morning.

If all goes well the next step will be to cook them up on the beach and eat lots of

crab, along with some potluck items.

This is a great opportunity for those that have wanted to try crabbing.

For information contact Mike Nies at 206-935-3233

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President's Minute

Summer's here!

Things to do, places to go, people to see..... Busy, busy, busy....

This is the time of year many have taken advantage of the different activities planned by the West Seattle Sportsmen's Club. A group will be camping and fishing at Riffe Lake as this newsletter goes to press. There's also a fishing and camping trip at Baker Lake coming up.

I bet you didn't know but we have one of the best shellfishing fisheries in the U.S. right here off of Alki... We've been shrimping and will be crabbing in a couple of weeks. These events and opportunities are open to all WSSC members. We have members with boats and a lot of experience to pass on. We always enjoy teaching the younger members of our club.

Our July 2nd meeting will be held at the Range; it'll be our annual Shoot-N-Toot.... Chili dishes will be sampled and rifles will be available at the range to shoot at a fun target.... This year we'll open up two lanes for an archery shoot, winning by luck only. On or about July 19 crab fishing will open up here in Elliott Bay. One of our members will be ferrying club members out to set their pots; we have extra pots.

Come, fish, catch crab and be part of a crab feast at the end of the day. In August we'll have our annual Salmon Bake. My daughter, Kelli, has been busy fishing.

The family friendly activities go on all year long; it's just that in summer it seems to be easier to casually sample something new. Come fall we're looking at hunting opportunities and some high adventure fishing trips. With kids in school and busy schedules these trips take more effort to plan into your life.

The summer events are all family friendly activities. Stop by this coming Wednesday just to see what's going on. You may find you like someone's chilly or you may have your own recipe. We'll be at the range at 7:30pm, July 2nd.

Gary Moseley
President
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Totems News

The NRA National Indoor Championships results are in and the Totems brought home 44 national awards.

In the team competition, the Thunderbird squad (Alec, Owen, Casey, Corinne) won the Jr Na-

tional 4-Position Smallbore Team Championship. This is the 3rd year in a row that the Totems have won this Championship. Alec won the bronze medal in the individual portion of the match. The Chiefs Squad (Katelynn, Jack, Sumner Ames & Jaelyn McMahan) won the Intermediate Junior Age Group (15-17) title and finished 3rd overall.

The Thunderbird Squad (Casey, Corinne, Alec and Sierra Avril) won the Jr National 3-Position Air Rifle Team Championship as well as the Open National 3-Position Air Rifle Championship. The Chiefs Squad (Jaelyn, Owen, Sumner and Tanner Venturi) won the Intermediate Junior Age Group title.

In the Jr National 3-Position Air Rifle Championships, the Totems swept the podium. Corinne won the Gold Medal, Sierra the Silver and Alec the Bronze.

Corinne won the Intermediate Junior Championship in the Jr National 3-Position Smallbore Championships. Alec won the Bronze in the same match.

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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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Alec won the Gold Medals in the Open National 3-Position Smallbore Championship and the Open National 3-Position Air Rifle Championships.

The Totems also set 6 national team record scores during the season as well as a dozen individual national records.

The following Totemswill be attended the Junior Olympic National Air Rifle Championships from June 26-28: Alec Patajo, Corinne Blair, Casey Iwamoto, Sierra Avril, Tanner Venturi, Katelynn Bacon, Katelynn Brown, Owen Yeasting, Vic Yeasting and Nick Young.

Riffe Lake Camping and Fishing

by Greg Boyd

Myself, Cam, Tony and his Son Eric arrived at Taidnapam Campground last Thursday afternoon. It doesn't seem to matter when you fish the lake so we slept in on Friday morning had a leisurely breakfast before launching Tony's boat for a day of fishing. Unfortunately the big outboard wasn't running well so we were pretty much left with the electric trolling motor, but it did everything we needed. We headed up the Cowlitz river, which is very close to the campground and rigged up to catch the small landlocked silver salmon that are in the lake. A Sling Blade dodger, followed by a mini pink hootchie (squid) tipped with shrimp seemed to have the best results, but we also caught them on a wedding ring. We tried different baits, but shrimp

worked the best. We were just using normal salad shrimp from the grocery store, but I packed them in salt to toughen them up a bit. These fish are pretty crafty and they took our bait a lot and also spit the hooks on the way in quite a bit. We also threw back a lot that were small, but ended up with 10 decent sized fish for our boat (ranging up to about 18"). The down side to the day was that it rained on us fairly hard most of the day, but at least we were catching fish.

Tom Kocir and his family came in that night and we fished with them the following day. It was the exact opposite. The weather was better, but we didn't have much luck fishing. We were getting some bites and lost a couple of nice fish, but only brought a couple small fish into the boat. We talked with one guy that did really well fishing from the pier and he was using a salmon egg and a marsh mellow, just off the bottom. I guess different bait works for different days there.

Some of the silvers have parasites in the lake and we ended up catching one that had them. They aren't in the actual flesh so they get removed when you clean the fish and they say the fish are safe to eat if cooked properly. Since the fish aren't getting enough nutrients, due to the parasites, they end up not having that much meat in them (very thin fillets) so we opted not to keep it.

Taidnapam is a beautiful campground with really nice sites and

great facilities. Even with the weather, mixed fishing results and boat problems we all had a great time!



Knives for Sale

We still have a number of Browning knife sets leftover from the Totem's raffle and will be selling them for \$10 per set (two knives in a tin gift box). All proceeds go to our Junior Shooting Program.

Please contact John Yeasting at 206-617-9726 or jyeasting@live.com

For Sale

Cleaning out collection....



Several Johnson 6hp kicker motors for sale (similar to those in the photo). These are late 60's models and they all are operational.

Asking \$400 each (but will entertain offers). Call if interested .

Mark Kastner (206) 999-4049.

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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.

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