



The West Seattle Sportsman

May 2014

Clam Bake June 11th

We'll be having our annual Clam Bake on Wednesday, June, 11th at 6pm. It will be at Me-Kwa-Mooks Park again, so be sure to bring chairs.



It will be the same format as last year where we'll cook up a pot of manilla clams, shrimp, sausage, corn and potatoes. We'll also provide beverage and deep fry appetizers.

The cost is \$8 per person and also bring a potluck item to go along with the clams.

This event will replace our normal June meeting.

Riffe Lake Camping



It's almost time to get your camping on at Taidnapam Campground this June 27th, 28th and 29th on the eastern shore of Riffe Lake by Morton. There are still some spots left so grab yours and join us for a real nice week-end of fishing, eating and

great campfires. We always have a blast so join us. It's very easy to grab a spot online so do it!

Contact Tom Kocir at tom@wssportsmen.org for more details.

Conservation Camp

Our Club normally sponsors two teens (ages 12-16) each year to go to the week long Washington State Youth Conservation Camp on Orcas Island. The kids that go to this camp always seem to have a great time and want to go back the following year. The activities can vary year to year, but they do things like hiking, survival, fly fishing, etc.

The Girls camp is July 13th-19th and the Boys camp is July 20th -26th.

If you know someone that would like to be considered, please have them write a short essay on why they'd like to go to camp. Please submit essay's to Greg Boyd (greg@wssportsmen.org or 206-818-4469) no later than May 31st. We will chose one boy and one girl from the essays submitted.

For more information about the camp... <http://www.washingtonconservationcamp.org>

Kid's Fishing Derby

Remember, the kids fishing derby is coming up on June 7th. This is a popular event and we need a lot of help to put it on.

Please contact Greg Boyd if you're able to help at greg@wssportsmen.org.

You can download a flyer at <http://wssportsmen.com/kidsfishing.pdf>

May Meeting

We've got more leftovers for our meeting this Wednesday. This month it will be elk enchiladas and Swedish meatballs.

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Presidents Minute

As some know I'm a Certified Hunter Education Instructor and am Chief Instructor for the program here at the West Seattle Sportsmen's Club. We've been providing this public service for eighty years, first for the public under the National Rifle Association Hunter Safety Program then under the State of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. The WDFW has had a program since 1957, 57 years. We're very proud to serve our community and State in this manner.

I've been instructing for a little over 26 years now. One of the responsibilities of all Instructors is continuing education. Each year we travel to a central location to learn what is new and keep abreast of teaching methods as well as new and changing material. All who hunt and fish understand how much the laws and rules change from year to year. This year we had a segment on the effect of a possible new law.

At this point it's necessary to refer to our By-Laws and the current wishes of your Officers:

Our By-Laws specifically restrict any political action regarding any political **candidate**. The Officers feel that this can be expanded to restrict our participation in any politi-

cal effort. We're a very diverse club and our members opinions really do represent the many colors of our political system. In that light we want to provide family outdoor opportunities for all our members absent of political influence or prejudices. In that manner we have opportunities available absent of political strife.

During the WDFW Inservice Training this year two uniformed Fish and Wildlife Officers presented a brief analysis of changes which would result if Initiative 594 passes. **1594** has been represented to the citizens of Washington State as a universal background check system for the purchase of firearms. The details of the initiative have been ignored when selling this idea to the public. In real effect **any transfer of any firearm** will require a variety of checks and fees should this initiative pass.

As all know many in our club participate in hunting and marksmanship activities. This initiative will clearly effect many of the opportunities and public services provided by our club and its members. Soon I'll be sending a clear copy of Initiative 594 to all members and will ask you read it carefully. I'll want to know what your take on the initiative is. I've

already listened to two uniformed law enforcement officers and three attorneys and now I want to hear from you. After a nonpartisan and honest discussion I believe the Officers will want a clear analysis published regarding the effect this initiative will have on the operations of the West Seattle Sportsmen's Club and its members. We won't support or campaign against the initiative but we will inform our members what our membership believes the effect this initiative will have.

As always please feel free to call me.

Gary Moseley
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Knives for Sale

We still have a number of Browning knife sets from the Totem's raffle and will be selling them for \$10 per set of two.

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

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.

Trip Report - Razor Clamming

A few of us made it out for what might have been the last Razor Clam dig of the season last weekend.



We camped at our usual place, the Blue Pacific Resort in Ocean City. It always seems to work out for us well, since they have a very nice clam cleaning station there. The odd part was that during this weekend we were the only ones there.

Cam and Tony went Thursday night and did very well clamming on Friday morning, catching their limits within 20 minutes.



I brought Macy and Eric and we joined them that night and we headed back out Saturday morning to much tougher conditions. Between the rain and the surf, it was very difficult to spot the clams. We

were only able to catch three limits on Saturday.

With all the rain on Sunday morning and a not even a zero tide, we decided to not to try it that day.



Depending on how many clams are left, there is a possibility that they might give us an additional opportunity around May 17th.

Totems News

The Totems had a fairly quiet month. Alec and Corinne went off to the Olympic Training Center this month for the National Junior Olympic Championships. Corinne shot well. Alec won the Gold Medal for the J3 age group (14&under) for Smallbore and Air Rifle.

Alec and Corinne also qualified for the American Legion Air Rifle Finals to be held at the Olympic Training Center in July. Alec finished 1st in the 2nd round, Corinne finished 6th.

The team's only match was the USA Shooting Smallbore PTO in Puyallup. Owen won the English Prone match, Corinne won the 3 Position Match. Katelynn Brown and Jack took top honors in the Expert class in prone. Aidan won the A Class in both matches. Katelynn Bacon and Sierra took 2nd &

3rd in A Class in prone. Noelle took 3rd in D Class in both matches.

WSSC Rifle Team Victorious



Puget Sound Rifleman's Association celebrated the completion of its 2014 smallbore Rifle Winter League with a banquet on April 21st. This year's league consisted of 7 teams from around the region with West Seattle Sportsmen's Club fielding 2 teams. The season lasted 14 weeks with each team competing twice with every other team. The season started out with an almost immediate rivalry between West Seattle #1 and the WCW Skunks. Competition was tight and aggregate gun score between the two teams was always within just a few points throughout the season. The last night came down to a match up between the two teams with a 9/2, 8/3 win-loss, West Seattle's #1 advantage. West Seattle had to win to avoid a tie breaker shoot off. As luck would have it, handicaps figured out to Zero...This last match would be "MANO A MANO". Or should we say "WOMANO A WOMANO", for thanks to the women on West Seattle #1 being the top shooters that night we stomped on the Skunks with a better than 30 point victory! Congratulations to West Seattle #1 for taking home first place this year!

West Seattle #1 Team pictured above: Gary Moseley, Nataliia Grigoreva, Cam Robison, John Hubbard.

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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