



The West Seattle Sportsman

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DO YOU HAVE A GIZMO?

In every closet, basement or garage there's a do-dad. An item that accomplishes a unique task. This is usually something that one would have trouble identifying or understanding how it's used. Many times the do-dad goes unnamed. It's called a thing-a-m'-jig, whats-ya-m'-it, whos-it or do-dad. When it doesn't work there are other names... We all have them; several of them. At times it's fun to show a friend and have them guess.

Sometimes the do-dad is store bought, sometimes it's home made. The one thing they all have in common is the rarity. The do-dad is rare, not too many people own one. Sometimes, on rare occasion, it's an item we may all know but it's rare.

Now, I have do-dads; lots of do-dads. I think as we get older we accumulate do-dads until we reach an age where they take all our do-dads away and call us hoarders. Now the people with the most do-dads seem to be sportsmen. We have a thing-a-m'-jig for every oc-

casion. Additionally we collect rare and unusual stuff. Most of us even have a special room for our stuff.

This coming Wednesday, October 1st I'd like you to bring your unusual, rare or special sportsmen's do-hickey or collectable to the meeting. Share it with the rest of us. Let us know it's history or what it's used for.

Our members meeting will be this Wednesday at 7:30. I'll look forward to seeing you and hearing about your treasure; I'll look forward to sharing mine with you.

Gary

Nomination of Officers

It's the time of year for the nomination for Officers of the West Seattle Sportsmen's Club. Please take a minute to consider running for an Officer's position or nominating a member you believe would serve our club well. The Officers positions are:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Recording Secretary
- Treasurer
- Trustee (3)

The responsibilities for these positions may be found in the Club's By-Laws:

<http://www.wssportsmen.com/club/by-laws#VIII>

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to be an Officer or would like to nominate a club member please feel free to call me.

Gary Moseley
(206) 935-9240

Range Painting

The Juniors just finished up repainting the range. Come down for the meeting and have a look at the new colors.

I also understand that there is a pretty neat addition to the range in that the Totems have painted their logo and the club's logo on the walls. Word is that the kids did an amazing job!

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August 30, 2014

Presidents Minute

Fall is coming... As I pen this note it's nearly Labor Day and the Dog Days of Summer are behind us. My favorite constellation, Orion, will soon join his dog, the star Sirius.

Thoughts turn to our fall and winter activities:

One of the best fisheries I've enjoyed is located in our own back yard; we cross it every day on our way to work. I haven't read the Fishing Regulations this year but I've caught four of the five species of Salmon on the Green River. Yes, this fishery supports all five species of salmon as well as Steelhead and ocean run Cutthroat. I caught the largest Steelhead I ever caught (18 pounds) on the Green. As the Salmon begin running, Lincoln Park at the point, Point Williams, is a favorite for Coho and Cutthroat casting or fly fishing from the beach.

Hunting is a favorite for a number of our members. The State doesn't promote our area as a destination spot for big game but it is... Elk are just a couple of hours away. One of my best adventures was had just above Snoqualmie Pass. Ellensburg

has elk and mule deer. Anywhere on the east side is great for White Tail and there are Black Tail deer here on the west side of the Cascades.

Now, I've never hunted Cougar or Black Bear but there are plenty. A couple of years ago I was hunting with a friend for Black Tail deer. Jeff was on the other side of a ravine getting pretty excited and yelling at me. Guess a Black Bear was sneaking up on me. In the thick brush it got within 5 feet. I knew it was there, I just couldn't see it. As I yelled back at Jeff I startled the bear and it took off. As far as I could tell it was only about 175 lbs. That makes us about evenly matched; what's the worst that could happen?

Competitive shooting season is upon us. Pistol League, Rifle League and our Juniors will all take to the range for good competition. The High Power Rifle season is wrapping up as well as the outdoor shooting sports of Three-gun and Cowboy Action Shooting.

Opportunities exist everywhere for sportsmen and women. If you'd like to get involved with any of these or other outdoor activities let me know. Odds are very good there's a group

who would love to have you along and teach you anything you'd like to know.

Gary Moseley
President
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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

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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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Bonaparte Lake Trip Report

This last June I was lucky enough to be invited to join in on one of Mike Nies annual trips to Bonaparte Lake. If you haven't been there before expect to spend the better part of the day just getting there from the Seattle area. Bonaparte Lake is located about 20 miles east of Tonasket, WA



on highway 20 and 6 miles north on FS4953. I followed highway 97 northbound out of Cle Elum till I hit Tonasket, then cut east on 20 from there. I found the trip there to be scenic and a real pleasure...Of course that's coming from somebody that lives in the midst of the Seattle area traffic cesspool.

I arrived at Bonaparte Lake Campground about 6pm to find Mike and his buddies Jim, Mike, Jan and Jan's grandson Josh. They had already set up camp in the best spot on the lake where they could beach their boats right at the site. They saved me a spot on the same loop. The next day I moved to a vacated site right next to them overlooking the lake...Perfect! Campsites are large

and well kept. But there are no hookups for RV's. Water is available, as well as pit toilets. Sites are \$12 a night. Remember to bring exact change or your checkbook.

That first evening was a classic Eastern Washington summer night campout. Stars in the sky and a great fire to gather around. Unfortunately

the next 2 days were not so inviting. We found ourselves in the middle of some pretty heavy down pours trying to stay warm and dry and wondering when the sun was coming back. Eventually it did. And it stayed around for the rest of the trip.

Once the sun came back we kicked things into high gear. Mike wanted to try some Cray-fishing. So we dropped about 5 pots around the lake. Can't say we hit the motherload, but we got enough for a boil and added a few to some clam chowder. Not Bad! We also tried some fishing. I couldn't seem to do better than a bite, but the others had more luck. Josh even out fished me with a couple nice trout. Hiking is also an

option in the area. Josh and I hit a trail that switchbacks up the hillside on the west side of the lake. The trail was well maintained and the view of the lake below was terrific.

All in all, I really enjoyed this outing. I found the area to be a pleasant low-key environment, many activities, and of course spending time with a fun bunch of campers. I definitely plan on joining in on this campout next year.

Cam

On The September Newsletter

I would like to apologize for the lack of a newsletter last month. When it came time to put the newsletter together, I felt that there just was not enough content to share with you as members.

I postponed the newsletter without following up with you as members that it didn't look like there would be a newsletter. I'm sure no one was waiting with baited breath, but none the less, as your secretary, I should have kept you informed.

Alex Dominguez
Secretary

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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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