



# The West Seattle Sportsman

May 2015

**Special Guest Speaker on Hearing Loss this Wednesday, 6:00pm 5/20/15**

## Alexandra de Groot, Au. D. Speaks on Hearing Loss

On May 20 at 6:00 pm there will be a special club meeting at the West Seattle range. Alexandra deGroot, a licensed Doctor of Audiology, will be giving a short (30-45 minutes) presentation on the subject of noise-induced hearing loss. Ali is donating this time to the West Seattle Sportsmen's Club as a service to our shooters but the subject is relevant to us all. From her website (HearingAlly.com):

Hearing loss affects over 48 million Americans, making it the third most prevalent chronic health condition in adults. But we don't see hearing loss usually; it is an "invisible disability." Adult onset hearing loss is often gradual, creeping up on us, and it is common for someone with hearing loss to not even know their hearing is different than it used to be. And to top it off, most doctors do not understand the serious effects of untreated hearing loss. It

is also affecting us earlier in life than we might typically think - hearing loss isn't reserved for "old people."

We would like to help Ali maximize the impact of her time so please make an effort to attend. We will be recording the presentation so if you are interested but unable to attend let me know and I will send you a video recording.  
-Jim Ellis

## WSSC this Summer

We have a full summer of activities planned. In addition to the Kids Fishing Derby, fishing trips and camping trips there is the upcoming Clam Bake.

The Kids Fishing Derby and the Clam Bake are easily my two favorite events. I truly enjoy spending time on the waterfront as we prepare for the coming day where kids from all over the West Seattle area come to dip a pole to catch a Rainbow Trout! The day is always great the all the kids are really fun!

The Clam Bake is the highlight of my food events for the summer. Huge big pots are cooking clams, corn and other goodies for the afternoon feed. Meeting old friends and new members at the park over an early dinner is easily a great time for all.

First up is the Free Kids Fishing Derby on June 13th then the ever popular Clam Bake.

Come to the Members Meeting this Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> to hear a special guest speaker audiologist. We have lots to do this summer, so let's get started!

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## Big Game Dinner Thank You's

Thanks everyone for coming to the annual WSSC Big Game Dinner. Thanks to Outdoor Emporium (<http://www.sportco.com/>) for helping make it possible for us to have the Savage .17HMR as our raffle grand prize, and thank you to Brian Bourgoin for attending the dinner and bringing the Savage rifle to and from Outdoor Emporium. Also, congratulations to our winner, Heather.

**1** We would also like to thank Northwest Sportsman Mag-

azine for donating a subscription to their magazine (<http://nwspportsmanmag.com/>).

Thank you to A-Maze-N Products (<http://www.amazenproducts.com/>) for donating your pellet smoker boxes.

Thanks to Martin Wayss for all the donations your provided, including bike bags and other cycling accessories, and flash drives.

A big thank you Justin Avril for donating salmon, halibut and Elk (not to mention rolling all those meatballs), Steve Patnode for the two big elk roasts, Gary's kids (Kelli and Kevin) for the venison, and Rick for donating salmon.

Thank you to all the volunteers that committed their time and effort to helping out.

And last but not least, thank you all for sharing the dinner with us.

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**WSSC: June Camping Trip**

Hello everyone, it's time to start thinking about our Club's June camping trip. This year we plan to go to Lake Bonaparte, which is near Tonasket, on Sunday, June 21st to Saturday, June 27th. People will probably come and go throughout the week, but Mike Nies is planning on staying the full time.



We'll be staying at the USFS campground, which doesn't take reservations, but hopefully we'll be okay with a Sunday arrival.

The lake is mid-sized with a 10mph speed limit on it. Also, lead weights aren't allowed so you might want to pick up some lead free weights before you go.

I haven't been here before, but those that went last year speak very highly of it.

Here's a description that I found online...

A very scenic lake located near Tonasket that provides a diverse year round fishery. A USFS campground and private resort has

camping, cabins, and boat launching facilities. Bonaparte is also a popular winter ice fishing lake. Expect Kokanee in the 10-12 inch range along with triploid eastern brook trout, tiger trout, and the occasional lake trout. Anglers are encouraged to remove as many small-mouth bass as the daily limit

provides for in order to decrease their competition effects on the trout species. Lead ban is in effect for Bonaparte.

Directions:  
From Tonasket, take State Route 20 East for 24 miles to County Road #4953 (Bonaparte Recreation Area). Take County Road #4953 5.5 miles where it turns into Forest Service Road #32. The Bonaparte Lake Campground entrance is on the left.

Contact Mike Nies or Greg Boyd (206-818-4469) if you have any interest or questions.

**West Seattle Totems**

The American Legion results are final. In the individual competition Alec finished in 6th, Owen in 7th

and Katelynn in 18th. . Congrats on a string of great performances. In the team competition, the Totems were the only club with two teams in the finals. The Chiefs finished 19th. The Thunderbirds repeated as National Champions. Walla Walla finished 3rd and Capitol City finished 15th in the team competition. Emily of Capitol City finished 4th and Sabrina of Walla Walla finished 12th in the individual competition. Congrats to those organizations. Washington is being represented well this year.

Additionally, congrats to Nick for being one of the 2014-2015 CMP Scholarship recipients! This scholarship is awarded to those seniors who established an excellent academic and leadership record along with a history of accomplishments in marksmanship competition.

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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](mailto:joe@vashonjrc.com) for Junior information and shooting times.  
Cost: Adult members \$4.00, non-members \$6.00.

## **Clam Bake – June 3rd at 6pm**

The nice weather is upon us and what better way to enjoy it than to get together with friends and enjoy some great food in the park. On Wednesday, June 3rd, the West Seattle Sportsmen's Club will be holding our annual clam bake at Meek-Wa-Mooks Park (4503 Beach Dr SW). The event starts at 6pm and will replace our normal June club meeting.

This is a semi-potluck event, where the Club will be cooking up our highly popular deep fried appetizers and a big pot of clams, shrimp, sausage, corn, potatoes and maybe some other tasty goodies. The price is only \$8 per person (kids 12 and under are free) to help cover costs and we ask that everyone bring a potluck item that would go good with the seafood. Salads, side dishes or deserts are great choices.

The Club will also provide plates, plastic silverware, soda's and water.

The Park has limited picnic tables so be sure to bring a folding chair if you have one.

So grab your family and friends and come on down and join us. Hope to see you all there.

Contact: Greg Boyd 206-818-4469

Note: As always, these events require volunteers to put on. Please let us know if you're able to help with the cooking. Cooks should arrive at 5pm.

## **Kids Fishing Pond – June 13th from 8am to 11am at Seacrest Park (1660 Harbor Ave SW)**

Here's the event kids and volunteers look forward to all year! Our annual free Kid's Fishing Pond that we host for West Seattle and the surrounding communities. If you only volunteer for one event this year, this is the one. There's nothing quite like seeing the excitement on a kid's face as they catch their first fish with their parents or the gratification of seeing kids come back year after year. This can lay the foundation for a lifelong hobby for these kids and get them excited about something more than just video games.

We need a lot of volunteer help for this event. We'll start setting up the pond at 9am on Friday, June 12th and the hatchery usually delivers the trout around 1pm. We need people to help setup and then take turns watching the pond the entire time it's there. This includes the overnight shift which is usually a lot of fun to work. Then the bulk of the volunteers show up about 7:15am Saturday morning and finish the setup and get ready for the kids to arrive. For the next three hours we help 150+ kids catch their fish! We're usually done with cleanup around 12:30-1pm on Saturday.

What can you do to help? To start with, pass the word of the event to everyone you know that has kids (age 14 and younger). You can

download a flyer to print out at <http://wssportsmen.com/kidsfishing.pdf>. You can also find information on the calendar on our Club's website <http://wssportsmen.org>.

The next thing you can do is to volunteer to help! You won't regret it. You don't need any experience as we'll have people there to show you what to do. There are also a variety of jobs from registering kids, to untangling fishing lines, to baiting hooks, to helping the kids with the fish when they catch them. So even if you're not comfortable handling the fish there are things for you to help with. Another thing is to bring your kids to let them help. It works out really well and we've had a lot of high school students help in order to get some of their volunteer hours in.

Please reply to this email or contact Greg Boyd ([greg@wssportsmen.org](mailto:greg@wssportsmen.org) or 206-818-4469) to volunteer or get more info.

Thanks,  
Greg Boyd  
Trustee – West Seattle Sportsmen's Club

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## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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