



The West Seattle Sportsman

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Youth Conservation Camp

Each year the West Seattle Sportsmen's Club sponsors 1 boy and 1 girl to go to Conservation Camp on Orcas Island. Conservation Camp is held in July with girls going July 18-24 and boys going July 25-31. Children will participate in training and field activities such as Wildlife & Habitat Management, Firearm & Archery Safety, Hiking & Outdoor Survival, Fly Tying & Casting, Ecology & Water Safety, First Aid & CPR, and Leadership & Team Work. As a way to determine whom we will send, we will have a little essay-writing contest. All your children or grand children need to do is write in 100 words or less "Why I Want To Go To Camp" and turn it into the board of trustees by May 31st. The board of trustees

will select 1 boy and 1 girl from the entries received as the winners. The contest is open to all children ages 12 to 16. Entries may be turned in, to any officer or trustee on or before May 31st or by mailing to:

West Seattle Sportsmen's Club
P.O. Box 16258
Seattle, WA 98116

Entries must be postmarked no later than May 28th 2004.

This camp offers a wonderful learning experience for children so even if your child does not win you may want to send him or her on your own. The cost of camp is around \$250 and if you are interested you may contact Marian Barker @ 253-761-0306 evenings and weekends or Lonnie McCann @ 253-531-4072.....

Club Meeting 7 PM Wednesday May 5th at the Range.

It's time to talk Sockeye as we start to gear up for what we hope to be one of the best seasons in years on Lake Washington. So to help everybody get ready we are asking you to bring in a sample or let us know what has worked for you in the past. Come share your tips and learn what has worked for others as we get ready for some of the best tasting salmon around. Never fished for Sockeye then come and learn how it's done.

If you have a favorite recipe for them you would like to share bring it too. See you Wednesday at 7 PM at the Roger Dahl Range....

Bowman Bay Fresh Water Fishing Derby

We only have a couple sites left for our fresh water fishing trip to Bowman Bay (near Deception Pass) on the weekend of June 4th - 6th. This has always been a fun trip and keep your fingers crossed as the weather has always been fantastic. Planned events include a scavenger hunt, a Crawfish race and at 7 PM on Saturday night a Pot Luck dinner.

In the past we have set Crawfish Pots on Friday and Saturday evenings in Pass Lake near the campground and fished Heart Lake on Saturday. I have had good luck trolling for Rainbow Trout on Heart Lake using a flat fish with some power bait on the hooks. I can't promise anything but it has worked for me in the past and these were 15 inch trout. Call Jerry Mascio at 206-937-3614 or email us at info@westseattlesportsmen.org.

[org](http://www.westseattlesportsmen.org) (put "Bowman Bay" in the subject line) to reserve your site or obtain more information.



Heart Lake Rainbows

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Chance of lifetime fishing and hunting privileges

OLYMPIA – Thousands of people who purchase a Washington fishing or hunting license this year are hoping it's the last one they'll ever have to buy.

That's a real possibility for anyone who enters the sweepstakes for a lifetime of free hunting and fishing privileges, offered this year for the first time by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW).

Drawing from a list of ticket holders, WDFW will name eight winners of the Lifetime License over the course of the 2004-05 season. Tickets cost \$6.50 for state residents, \$12.50 for non-residents, and can be purchased in unlimited numbers.

Winners must renew the Lifetime License each year, but at no cost.

"People who love to fish and hunt are finding the idea of lifetime privileges in Washington pretty appealing," said Frank Hawley, WDFW licensing manager. "Ours is the first state in the nation to offer something like this, so it's generating a lot of interest."

Hawley said the first two winners will be announced within a week of the first drawing June 1, followed by additional drawings Sept. 30, Dec. 30 and March

31, 2005. Tickets are valid for all drawings held within 365 days of purchase, and winners can transfer their Lifetime License to another person at the time they claim it.

Participants do not need to hold a current hunting or fishing license to be eligible for the special license, although Hawley said ticket sales have increased substantially since March 31, when all state hunting and fishing licenses for the 2003-04 season expired. "The Lifetime License looks especially attractive when it comes time to renew hunting and fishing licenses," said Hawley, adding that proceeds from ticket sales will be used to support a wide range of WDFW resource management activities.

While only eight people will win a lifetime of fishing and hunting privileges this year, Hawley noted that anybody can save \$3 on several popular fishing licenses if they buy them before May 18.

That's when a new surcharge, approved by the state Legislature to support management improvements in the Dungeness crab fishery, will take effect. The new surcharge will apply to all 2004-05 shellfish, combination and

two-day fishing licenses sold after May 17.

"Right now, all fishing and hunting license fees are the same as last year," Hawley said. "If you plan to fish in Washington this year, it only makes sense to buy your license before the cost goes up."

Other reasons Hawley cited for buying a license early include "opening day" of lowland lakes trout season April 24, a spring turkey shoot beginning April 10 for young hunters under age 16 and a morning razor clam dig scheduled April 21-24 – if tests show the clams are safe to eat.

Fishing and hunting licenses – including tickets for the Lifetime License – can be purchased over the phone (1-866-246-9453), on WDFW's website (fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov), or at any of more than 500 license dealers listed on that website across the state.

However, unlike previous years, WDFW no longer sells hunting and fishing licenses over-the-counter at its regional offices or its main office in Olympia due to budget reductions adopted by the state Legislature.

Events Calendar

May 5th - Club Meeting

May 15th - Shrimping at Steve's

May 31st - Clam Dig

June 2nd - Clam Bake at Alki

June 4th-6th - Bowman Bay Outing

If you have any ideas for programs to have at the club meeting or any good outing ideas let one of the Officers or Trustees know. You may contact us at info@westseattlesportsmen.org

Up coming Small bore & Air Matches

May 7	Wenatchee	Junior Air Rifle Match
May 8- 9	Wenatchee	Junior Outdoor Championships
Jun 5-6	Tacoma	Schutzenfest / NRA 3-P Championship
Jun 12-13	Tacoma	CanAm Prone
Jun 26-27	Puyallup	NRA 3-P Regional
Jul 10-11	Tacoma	Koehler Memorial Prone
Aug 20-22	Tacoma	State Smallbore Int. Camp & PTO
Sept 11	Puyallup	State 4-H Championship
Sept 11-12	Tacoma	State Conventional Prone Championship
Sept 18-19	Tacoma	State Outdoor International Championship

Riffe Lake Fishing Trip

By Tony Olszewski

The Riffe Lake fishing trip went off without a hitch. We had about 8 families from the club come, the weather cooperated, and it was a great weekend to be camping and fishing. Everybody that went seemed to have a good time so I think we will try this trip again next year.

Mossyrock Park Campground was a very nice and clean camping location, but Riffe Lake as it turned out, was very

low on water. After fishing Riffe in the morning to no avail some of us tried nearby Swofford Pond in the afternoon. We had heard that some nice size German Brown Trout had been taken from the lake and it might be worth a try. Swofford Pond is a 250-acre shallow lake with no combustion engines allowed on it. Swofford is also loaded with milfoil so I would not recommend using a float tube to fish it. After dragging a fly around behind my boat for about an hour following the shoreline to

no avail I tried using a gang troll and a worm following the shoreline again. I kept getting caught in the milfoil that was at times almost on top of the water. So I tried trolling the middle of the lake hoping to get the flasher down a little deeper without getting caught in the milfoil and it did the trick. The two of us in my boat then brought in 8 rainbows mostly in the 10-inch category and a couple in the 8-inch. We kept getting bites but ran out of time and had

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THE WEST SEATTLE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

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The West Seattle Sportsmen's Club was founded in 1934 by a group of fourteen men who had the foresight to see that sportsmen, in a united group, would present views, be better heard and achieve goals that were not possible when action as unorganized individuals. The ambitions of these charter members, who strove for the propagation of wildlife and habitat as well as the conservation of all our natural resources, has proven prophetic, for today multitudes of individuals and sporting groups are carrying on the job of conserving the remaining outdoor assets of natural America. The West Seattle Sportsmen's Club helps lead in this fight in the state of Washington. A member has the opportunity to join others in formulating club action in achieving and maintaining these goals.

However, "all work and no play" is not the format of the club. Many events are spaced throughout the year to insure a member many chances to participate in sportsmen's activities. For \$25, what more could a person ask than the opportunity to go salmon fishing with a group of his friends on a charter boat, fresh water fishing with other members and their families, have a salmon bake, a clam feed, or attend a banquet especially for the ladies. But there's more - he can shoot on the club range, go rabbit hunting, and if nothing else, should get \$25 worth just by watching the kids of the community have a real ball at the Kid's Fishing Derby. To sum it all up, a guy gets at least a hundred dollars worth of fun out of a year's membership.

Oberloh Cleans Up – Totems Take 2nd
 The West Seattle Totems, one of our three teams entered in the annual Puget Sound Riflemen's Association winter rifle league, took 2nd place this year in the team competition. Ronni Oberloh of the Totems won several individual awards including: High Any Sight, High Iron Sight, High Junior, High Woman, Highest Score and 1st Master - Kneeling. Other club members taking home season individual awards include Candace Eylander, Randi Oberloh, Tim Mar, Bill Zupan, Kristin Olszewski, Dave Miller and Chuck Rushmer. Sixteen members also won weekly individual awards for high score in their class.

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)

If you would like to receive the Club News Letter by email check here.



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to get back to camp and get ready for the potluck. I did see a few bass fishermen but did not see any caught nor any of those Big German Browns we had hoped for.

We also learned from the Park Ranger that Riffe Lake was stocked some years back with Sturgeon and that they should be reaching the legal size limit by now. If anybody does go down and try for them I would enjoy hearing how you did.

At the Potluck someone made Jell-O Shooters and many wanted the recipe. So here it is provided by Roz:

Jell-O Shooters

3 - 3oz pkgs. of any flavor Jell-O (I use lemon and lime.)

4 single pkgs of Knox Gelatin

Mix together in a bowl.

Add 2 cups boiling water to Jell-O/Knox mixture. Stir till dissolved.

(Every once in awhile stir the mixture to help release the heat, and at the same time keeping it from jelling.)

Let it cool to room temperature.

Stir in 2 cups of Vodka. Mix well.

Pour into 3/4 oz portion cups (found at Cash and Carry) Or pour into a 10x13 pan and let jell in refrigerator. Cut into 1-2 inch squares. Keep in a tight covered container in refrigerator.

STOLEN!!!

15' Koffler drift boat and Shorelander trailer. Boat has a cut out in the stern for an outboard and a new aluminum seat welded in the rear and painted black. The trailer has a newer trailer jack on it and shorelander stickers on either side of the center rail. It's a regular boat trailer, not a drift boat trailer. Hull I.D. # BKA001680984, registration number is WN9543RH in two inch letters on the bow, the trailer license #9549MR, trailer I.D. number WA98199195. if you see it call Tom at 206-935-1064 or 911 and let them know where it is. incident # 04-155301. Thanks, Tom.

Stuff For Sale

Wanted 23 foot Travel Trailer call Jerry at 206-719-3528.



For Sale Lowrance LMS350A GPS/ Fishfinder. Transom mount transducer and 5 channel external GPS head. \$400.00. Contact Cam Robinson at 206-431-8337.

For Sale Texan, FW, 12 GA., Manual Reloading Press. The only thing missing are the tops to the powder and shot tubes, otherwise it's in real good shape. Call Tom at 206-935-1064, Evenings, or just leave a message. Price is \$50.00

If you have something you would like to list in this section please send an email to "info@westseattlesportsmen.org" listing the item or items you would like to sell, the price, and your contact information. Put "Stuff For Sale" in the Subject line of your email. Keep in mind that this comes out only once a month. In order to be listed in the coming month's newsletter you will need to have your ad emailed to us no later than the 20th of the prior month.....



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