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Terry Rudnick Guest Speaker at May Meeting

May Meeting

Our May Club meeting on Wednesday May 3rd will feature guest speaker Terry Rudnick of the Washington State Game Department. Terry's topic will be on Halibut Fishing in Washington. For those of you that don't know Terry, he is the author of many fishing related books, youth fishing coordinator for Washington State and Associate Instructor at Salmon University. He is also a renowned lecturer at many of the local sportsman shows and very knowledgeable on all types of fishing in Washington State. †

Clam Bake

The Annual Club Clam Bake will be on Wednesday May 31st at Lincoln Park, Shelter No. 3. This is

the shelter down by the water at the south end of the park. Appetizers will be served at 6 PM and Dinner at 7 PM. The price is \$5.00 per adult.

In order to make our Clam Bake as economical as possible we need to go out and dig clams. We will be going out clam digging on Memorial Day weekend for two day trips, probably Saturday and Sunday. One will be to Whidbey Island near Double Bluffs and another to Steve's place on Hood Canal.

If you would like to help dig please contact Cam Robison at 206-431-8337 or Jerry Mascio at 206-937-3614 for exact times and locations.

If you have and would like to donate Shell Fish for the bake please contact the above. †

Bowman Bay Fishing Trip

Only 1 reserved campsite left for our annual Fresh Water Fishing Derby and craw fishing trip to Bowman Bay, in Deception Pass State Park. The Weekend of June 9th - 11th, which coincides with the states Free Fishing weekend, is fast approaching.

We will have a Saturday night Potluck and maybe a Sunday Brunch.

If you are interested in going on this annual trip contact Jerry Mascio at 206-719-3528 to claim your spot now. The combined cost for Friday and Saturday nights camping spot is \$39.00. †

Youth Conservation Camp

Each year we sponsor 1 boy and 1 girl to go to Conservation Camp on Orcas Island. Conservation Camp is held in July with girls going July 16th - 22nd and boys going July 23rd - 29th. 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 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 at the May Club Meeting or at the Clam Bake.

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 the May club meeting or by mailing to: The West Seattle Sportsmen's Club P.O. Box 16258 Seattle, WA 98116 Entries must be post-marked no later than May 31st, 2006. †



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Not catching trout? Perhaps they think you stink

From *Fishing & Hunting News* Written by Chris Shaffer

With many trout streams and lakes opening for the season, anglers are trying to pinpoint methods that will enable themselves to build on success derived last year.

Trout fishing is different during spring openers than it is in summer and fall. Early in the season, trout can be sluggish because of cold water. With their metabolism slower, they're less apt to chase down lures and might need some extra enticement to bite. Oftentimes the remedy to increase success is as simple as adding scent.

"Fish respond to scent," says Buzz Ramsey, coldwater fishing expert at Pure Fishing, manufacturer of Berkley products. "In most anglers' minds, scent is a key factor, and that's why live bait has always been appealing to anglers, because they feel that the natural scent is something they might not have in a lure. Their system doesn't shut down when it's cold. It just slows down. Scent triggers them to feed, it doesn't stop them from feeding."

Getting more bites: Slowing down your retrieval speed on lures and natural baits is a sure way to catch more trout and likely the most important factor leading to success in early-season trout fishing. Scent is simply a tool that can help entice trout to bite. "Fishing slower can be better," Ramsey says. "Trout are in cold water.

They're cold-blooded and under these conditions their metabolism slows. Scent can never hurt."

Hot scents: There are three kinds of scents available: Natural baits such as Pautzke's Balls O' Fire salmon eggs and nightcrawlers already have natural scent to them; Berkley's Power Bait and Eagle Claw Nitro Bait are embedded with a scent created by scientists; and then there are liquid and gel scents such as Pautzke Liquid and Gel Krill, Eagle Claw Trout Gravy and Berkley Trout Dip. Other anglers take advantage of scent by tipping their lures with salmon eggs, Power Bait and small grubs.

"It always helps to add scent," says Casey Kelley, president of Pautzke Bait. "You have to remember that when you gas up your car or put suntan lotion on, or if you have cigarette smoke or tobacco on your clothes or just regular food on your hands, and transfer that to your lure, well, the trout can smell that. Adding scent can mask those scents and our human scent. Scent can make a huge difference. Our salmon eggs have a potent scent to them already, but it never hurts to add more."

Kelley says his biggest secret when it comes to scents is using Pautzke Nectar. "Our Nectar is the natural runoff from our patented Balls O' Fire salmon egg cooking process," he says. "Basically, the juices and sugars that trout love are part of this scent. The scent is all natural. We don't add any chemicals. The trout love it."

Ramsey, on the other hand, is finding success tipping lures with scented

baits. For example, he recommends tipping lures with a Berkley Micro Power Wiggler or Gulp Maggot. Instead of using the entire grub, he advises anglers to use half or a quarter of a grub.

"We're talking about as big as a half-used eraser on a pencil," Ramsey says. "Tipping the bait doesn't interrupt the action of a spinner, and plugs are pretty forgiving as well."

A California angler recently caught a new state record rainbow by using a crappie jig tipped with a white Eagle Claw Nitro Bait worm trailer and Nitro Grease.

You have to be careful when adding grubs or other baits to spoons, however. "When it comes to a spoon, adding something to it can change the action, but if you keep the tip small you aren't going to have a big problem. Adding that scent to a lure can double your success or more," Ramsey says. "I've noticed that the color of that tip is important. I've always done best with white."

Going natural: Liquid and gel-based scents have flooded the market in recent years. Some companies produce natural scents, others add chemicals, but the basis tends to revolve around shrimp, garlic, anise, sardine, herring, roe and other popular scents. Knowing which scent to use is a matter of trial and error, says Ramsey.

"It's just a matter of trying it. I don't know what it is about garlic, but sometimes it can turn a trout on, but my go-to bait is roe," says Ramsey, who primarily uses Berkley Trout Dip,

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Up coming Small bore & Air Matches

May 12	Wenatchee	Junior Air Rifle Match
May 13-14	Wenatchee	Junior Outdoor Championships
Jun 3-4	Tacoma	Schützenfest / NRA 3-P Championship
Jun 10-11	Tacoma	Koehler Memorial prone
Jun 24-25	Puyallup	NRA 3-Position Regional
Aug 12-13	Puy. / Tac.	USA Shooting Zone Championship
Aug 25-27	Tacoma	State Smallbore International Camp & PTO
Sep 9-10	Tacoma	State Conventional Prone Championship
Sept 23-24	Tacoma	Schützenfest / Outdoor Int'l Championship

Range Hours and Activity

Monday - Small Bore - 6 PM
Tuesday - Spring Pistol League
Wednesday - Juniors - Call Fred Burr at 206-935-4883 for information.
Cost: Adult members \$2.00, non-members \$4.00, Juniors \$1.00.

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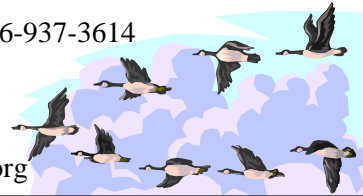
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Rolf's Cooking Corner

CLAM DIP

By Geri Rancich
 1 pkg. cream cheese (8 oz)
 1 can minced clams, drained (reserve juice), or fresh cooked clams, minced (ground)
 1/2 - 1 c. mayonnaise
 1-2 drops Tabasco sauce
 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
 2 tsp. minced onions



Cream the cheese. Add remaining ingredients. Use the juice if you want thinner dip. Mix well.

COCKTAIL SAUCE

By Cindy Pollard
 2 tsp. horseradish
 3 T. catsup
 1 tsp. salt
 2 T. vinegar
 4 T. lemon juice
 1/2 tsp. Tabasco

Mix ingredients together. Chill. Serve with shrimp, crab, etc. †

Events Calendar

May 3rd - Club Meeting (Guest Speaker Terry Rudnick)
 May 27th - 28th - Clam Digging for Clam Bake
 May 31st - Clam Bake
 June 7th - Club Meeting
 June 9th - 11th - Bowman Bay
 July 16th - Hi-Yu Kids Fishing Derby
 Aug 11th - 13th - Ocean Smelting trip

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

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 \$25.00 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 newsletter by email check here.



Stuff For Sale



For Sale – Daisy Model 717 Target Air Pistol \$75.00. Contact Fred Burr 206-935-4883

For Sale – Pistol box with spotting scope \$150.00. Contact Fred Burr 206-935-4883

For Sale - 2002 Big Foot Camper \$11,000. Contact Fred Burr 206-935-4883.

For Sale - Mossberg 12 gage, model 500, slide action, 30" Full choke barrel accepts 3" shells. Like new, one scratch, used very little. Asking \$200. Contact Fred Burr 206-935-4883.

For Sale - Assorted Fly and Spin Cast Fishing Poles \$10.00 each.

Contact Fred Burr 206-935-4883.

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

For Sale - Brass oar locks, \$20.00 each, Wooden Water Skis - \$50, Volvo Props are \$20.00 ea. They are in

pretty fair condition, great for spares or main prop. They are 15 x 16 LH, 15 x 17 LH and 15 x 16 RH rotation, Folding Helm Step - \$10. LD-3 Boat fender, keep those little guys from bumping your boat in the locks or wherever \$25.00, Center drain stainless steel sink, 13" w x 11" d x 4" d Used for boat, camper, etc \$30.00. I can send pictures of the above mentioned items contact Tom phone 206-935-1064 email: tkocir1@comcast.net

For Sale - Outboard motor gas tanks: one with fittings; one tank only. Trailer hitch post type boat carrier. Call Ken McKim 206-935-2853.

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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available in garlic, corn and roe. Kelley, on the other hand, opts to employ shrimp-based scents. "Shrimp is a primary source of food for trout," Kelley says. "They use a form of it to raise trout in hatcheries. It's part of their diet. That's why we use Liquid and Gel Krill so much."

Scents can be applied to any live baits or lure. In fact, purist fly anglers even use scent. While most will only use natural scents, adding scent to a fly can make a big difference in results. Scent can be injected, smeared, dipped, poured, soaked and rubbed onto baits. It should be reapplied every time you touch your lure, after you catch a fish, and periodically while fishing. †



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