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Happy New Year

Big Game Dinner

The Big Game Dinner date has been set for Saturday, February 16th 2008. Doors will open and appetizers will be served at 6 PM with dinner served at 7 PM. We will, once again, be at the West Seattle American Legion Post 160 Hall, 3618 SW Alaska St, Seattle, WA.

After Dinner we will have our raffle drawings. Raffle Tickets will be on sale at the dinner for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. If you have any new items you would like to contribute to help make gift baskets please contact Roz Mascio @ 206-937-3614. We will need to collect these items a good week before the dinner.

More information will be in the February Newsletter.

Dinner tickets will be available at the door for \$18.00 or you may buy them in advance for \$15.00 either at the next club meeting or by using the attached Membership Renewal & Big Game Dinner Advance Ticket Order Form. Children 12 and under are free. Buying your tickets in advance saves you money and really helps us plan for the event. Hope to see you all there. †

Proposed Bylaws Change

At our January meeting we will be voting on a proposed amendment to the Bylaws. This would add a new non-voting position to the Board of Directors, that position would be Trustee Emeriti. The vote

would revise Article X "Duties of Officers" adding a new Section 7 which would read as follows:

ARTICLE X DUTIES OF OFFICERS Section 7

Trustee Emeriti: Any club member in good standing, who has previously served for two years as a club officer will automatically become a Trustee Emeritus when they do not hold another officer position. Their duties will be to offer guidance and advice, but they will not be part of the board and therefore will not have a vote on board issues. Attendance at board meetings is desired, but optional. †

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

With the coming of the New Year comes this reminder. It's time once again to renew your Club Membership. Dues are \$25.00 and with that you get this great newsletter once a month, fun club outings, special event and reduced range fees at our range. We even manage to get an occasional guest speaker every now and again. So please use the attached form and envelope and mail your dues in

now or bring them with you to the next club meeting. You can even advance order your Big Game dinner tickets at a reduced price.

Your dues help us pay for club supplies and those fun special events and meals we have throughout the year, such as the Clam and Salmon Bake and Kids Fishing Derby just to name a few.

Where else can you get a year full of fun for just \$25.00. †

January Club Meeting

At our January club meeting we will talk about the upcoming big game dinner, our planned outings for the first half of the New Year, the change of location for our fresh water fishing outing in June to Baker Lake, Hi-Yu kids fishing derby and make some sausage for the Big game Dinner.

We will also vote on a proposed Bylaws change creating a new non-voting Board of Directors position "Trustee Emeriti". †

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A CHRISTMAS LETTER

This is a little story or email Christmas letter I received from one of our Junior Shooting Instructors. If you see Kurt maybe you can give him a spare penny to help him with his problem.

Hey Tony,

This story is one I wrote to one of my cousins in Iowa and her response. Enjoy

Hey Cuz,

I thought I'd drop you a quick line to let you know how things are going here. AWFUL. Yep, I'm running in to money problems again. You know that feeling, just when you start to see that light at the end of the tunnel, you run into that low hanging beam and knock yourself out. Since last we talked, I solved all the car problems a now we have 5 running cars out in front of the house. If you squint and tilt your head a little it kinda looks like a Wal-Mart parking lot.

So, anyway, just as I'm starting to get a handle on the 2nd mortgage, I have found a new way to dispose of my disposable income. I'm kinda ashamed to admit it, but, well, it's hard to say, uh, ok, ok, I'm addicted to and losing at gambling. Ok I said it. Step one towards recovery. One would think that at my age I would know better, but I'm no better. Yes, a nickel here a quarter there, and even one thin dime at a time. Money seems to run thru my fingers like water in the toilet. One minute it is there and then the next minute you pull the handle and flush it away.

I hate to say it but it seems I'm on a never ending losing streak. Each week I think my luck will change. Maybe I'll beat the odds this time. However I find myself digging myself deeper and deeper into debt and deeper and deeper into my pockets looking for that last bit of small change. I hate myself. Yet I keep going back for more and more punishment. I know your saying, "It's his own damn fault", well maybe it is. Wait, wait, maybe you're getting the wrong idea. No, I'm not losing money in the casino playing slots or dice. And no, I'm not dumping my retirement fund into a back room card games or on the lotto. And no, I'm not pawning Kim's jewelry so I can play the ponies or buy another square in the football pool. The odds of winning those things are better than what I'm hooked on now. I told you that I was ashamed to admit it but, well, Ok; I'm gambling and losing my cold hard cash to my youngest daughter during shooting matches. Yes, Ronni is taking me for all I'm worth because we are betting on target shooting.

It started out about 5 weeks ago. We entered a rifle match together. It was a 100 shots Standing at a 100 yards (the length of a football field) shooting at a target the size of a basketball and the bulls eye the size of a half dollar, without a scope on the rifle. She hadn't shot in about 6 months so I figured I could make some quick cash off the little squirt. We made the wager of a penny a point. So when the smoke settled and the dust cleared, she wound up shooting a 897 out of 1000, taking 2nd overall in the match and winning .93 cents from me. (It would have been more but she spotted me 400 points before the match even started.) DAMN!!! And of course this little bent nose, Guido, enforcer for the mob wanted cash and she wanted it NOW. What could I do, she had a gun. I had to pay her.

Well just like all gamblers I thought to myself, "If only I could get even," "Just one more chance," "I know I can beat the odds this time," Alas, I'm a loser.

*4 weeks ago we joined a pistol league together and the standing bet was a nickel an "X", (a bulls eye,) and a dime penalty for anything out in the wheat, (a total miss.) So for the last 4 weeks it has been .25 cents, then .10 cents, and then .15 cents, and last night she took me for .30 cents more. I'll say it again, DAMN. I keep losing. Right now I'm down \$1.73 and there are two more weeks of league. If you don't here from me in the near future **continued on page 3***

Up coming Small bore & Air Matches

Jan 12	West Seattle	Pistol-Air (9 AM) & Standard (Noon)
Feb 15-16	West Seattle	NRA Sectional
Mar 8	West Seattle	Pistol-Air (9 AM) & Standard (Noon)
Apr 12	West Seattle	Pistol-Air (9 AM) & Standard (Noon)

Range Hours and Activity

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

The West Seattle Sportsmen's Club

Sponsors of the Roger Dahl Rifle Training Range

OFFICERS

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Contact us at: info@westseattlesportsmen.org



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it's because I'm working that 2nd job to pay off my gambling debts or Ronni has shot me because I refused to pay.

Later, your gambling fool of a cousin,

Kurt

Cousin Beckie writes back the following E-mail.

This is one of the reason's that it is so hard being so far away. If I was there I could help you with your gambling problem. There are several things you could do.

1. STAY AWAY FROM RONNI! She is a con-artist.. She knows you are a

soft touch. It's hard to believe a "girl" could be as good or better than you....

2. There is an organization called "Gamblers Anonymous" you should join. You are in WAY over your head.

3. STAY AWAY FROM RANDI TOO. she has been known as a loan shark. Could get you in MORE TROUBLE.

4. HIDE THEIR GUNS NOW..... THOSE TWO HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO HIT THEIR TARGETS ALL TOO WELL.....

5. WHEN APPROACHED by one of these two cons RUN LIKE MAD...

HOPE THIS INFORMATION HELPS... hahahaha

6. You might want to watch Kim, if she gets wind of how bad your gambling is continued on Page 4

Events

Calendar

Jan 2nd - Club Meeting
 Jan 23rd - Board Meeting
 Feb 16th - Big Game Dinner
 Feb 20th - Board Meeting

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 \$_____ 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

Wanted to Find - Bert McKim's lead melting furnace. If anyone knows who might have this please call Kenny McKim at (206) 935 2853.

For Sale – Browning A-5, FN Manufacture, 12 GA full choke, 29½” BBL, Solid Rib, Butt Plate Added, Serial 138518, Mfgd 1929 \$650.00. Contact Fred Burr 206-935-4883

For Sale – Colt single-action Frontier Scout 22 Long Rifle Pistol \$400.00. Contact Fred Burr 206-935-4883

For Sale – Pistol box \$50.00. Contact Fred Burr 206-935-4883

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

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.....



For Sale - Questar center console, rebuilt Suzuki outboard, new canvas. This is Fred Hutchison's old boat. Rumor has it that it's about 15' with a 70hp outboard, but you can contact Jerry Mascio for more info. 206-937-3614, \$7500 OBO †

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*getting, she might raid your pockets....
Sounds like they are keeping you on your toes. About time someone did....
I sure hope you get this gambling under control....
Take Care, Beckie
GO FOR IT RONNI !!!!!.*

Then Cousin Karen got wind of all this and E-mails

“Sound like we need a family intervention”

I don't think my cousins understand. I don't need help or advice. I just need a couple of bucks so I can get back in the game.

Good Luck Kurt! †



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



First Class Mail

Membership Renewal & Big Game Dinner Advance Ticket Order form

Renew your Club Membership and/or advance order your Big Game Dinner Tickets (which will be on Saturday, February 16, 2008) by Filling out the attached form. Receive a \$2 per ticket discount when you advance order your tickets (Price at door will be \$18.00).

Mail your completed form with your Check or Money Order to the:

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

Or you may bring to the next Club Meeting and turn in there. Your Membership Card will be mailed back to you along with any Big Game Dinner tickets you order.

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WEST SEATTLE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

Membership Renewal

<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Club Membership Renewal	Price \$25.00
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Big Game Dinner Ticket Order

Please Send me _____ tickets @ \$15.00 each \$ _____
(note children 12 and under free)

Total: \$ _____

Please Make Checks payable to the "West Seattle Sportsmen's Club" or "WSSC"

Method of Payment _____

<input type="checkbox"/> Check	NAME _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash (do not send cash by mail)	ADDRESS _____

	PHONE _____

Email Address _____

Check here if you have an email address and would prefer to receive your club news letter by email (this saves the club postage and you will receive your news letter sooner).

Clip along dashed lines and return with your payment

