



The West Seattle Sportsman

August 2014

The General Meeting is the Salmon Bake August 6th!!!

WSSC Salmon Bake

Mark your Calendar! Come join the fun and see a great West Seattle sunset.

WSSC will be having it's annual Salmon Bake August 6th, starting at 6pm. Location will once again be at Meek-Wa-Mooks Park, 4503 Beach Dr SW, in West Seattle.

This event will be a Semi-Pot-Luck style. The club will fry up some appetizers and BBQ Salmon. We will also provide beverages, plates, utensils, etc.

You bring your favorite pot-luck item such as a side dish or salad (Green or Pasta).

Please remember to bring your folding chairs since there are very few tables at this park.

Cost is \$5 per person with pot-luck item, \$15 w/out pot-luck item.

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Kids 12 and under are free with paying parent.

This event will replace our August meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Cam Robison @ 206-431-8337 or cam@wssportsmen.org

Local Crabbing/Crab Boil



A couple weeks ago the Club got together at the Don Armeni Boat Launch and had a crab feast! It was a great event and a huge thank you to Mike Nies for planning it, taking people out in his boat and cooking up

the crab. Another big thanks goes to Tom Kocir for also taking people out in his boat. Both groups fished two days and pulled in 23 crabs. This was a great local opportunity for those who wanted to try crabbing, just enjoy eating crab, or brining the little ones along! If you didn't make it this time, you really missed out and we hope you make it next time.

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Riffe Lake Camping and Fishing

by Greg Boyd

The weather was great and the fishing was... Well, the weather was great.

We headed up to Baker Lake to try to do a little Sockeye Salmon fishing. We dragged ourselves out of bed at 5am on Friday, put the boat in the water and started the trek up the lake to the fishing grounds. Unfortunately our curse this year with outboards hit again and we couldn't get any speed out of Tom's big motor. After a couple hours messing with the control we gave up and started motoring up on his trolling motor (which worked like a champ). We didn't get the lines in the water until around 10:30am and proceeded to do what everyone else was. Basically go for a nice boat ride.

The second day produced about the results, with the only excep-

tion being that Cam caught a shaker that we released.

I talked with a guy that had more experience at the lake and had done slightly better. He had fished the west side of the lake across from Noisy Creek and used pink mini-hootchies with sandshrimp. He was also picking up most of his



fish before sunrise.

The other issue was that they hadn't trucked any fish up since the previous Sunday

so it was getting a lot harder to catch towards the end of the week. Essentially they catch the returning Sockeye in a trap at the base of the dam and truck them up and release them at the top of the dam.

All in all it was a great camping trip and is a really pretty area so none of us had any complaints.

Fly fishing in Montana.

By Steve Loo

Our group had eight fly fishing anglers, I was the newbie as it was only my second trip. Several in this group have been going out with the same outfitter for over ten years. The outfitter is the largest in the Missoula area called 'Missoula River Lodge' (online) own and operated by retired NFL Linebacker Joe Cumming of the Buffalo Bills. We booked a package of three nights at the lodge and three days of fishing for a special deal of \$995/angler (plus gratuity). This included a guide and boat for every two angler, lunch, tackle and staying at the 'Riverfront Lodge'. The list price for this package is over \$3000/angler so we're getting the long term client and volume discount. I had to buy a 10 day Non-residence fishing license for \$56. I flew in via Horizon Air for \$230 R/T. Between the car rental, food split, gratuity and misc, another \$300. There was a \$150 add-on for 'Rock Creek River', but well worth it. All in all, less than \$2000 for everything, but what a 'First Class Trip'.

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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.

The first day we elected to fish Rock Creek. Great fast action for mainly browns 8-12" fairly common. I had over 40+ strikes landing less than half. It's my inexperience not setting the hook well.

The second day we fished the Bitterroot. Slower but bigger fish, 10-14" with a few 16" plus. Mainly rainbows and cutthroats. I had about 20+, landing about half. I starting setting the hook better. The third day we fished the Blackfoot. We had to target the fish more but all were nice size 10-16" plus. Rainbows, browns and cutthroats. This is where I got my 28" brown. I had 20+ strikes and landed 2/3s of them. Getting a better feel for hook setting.

President's Minute

July 1986 I began the process of purchasing an M1 Rifle from the Department of Defense, Department of Civilian Marksmanship. In August of 1989, three years later, my M1 Rifle arrived. Over the next 25 years I participated in many rifle matches using a variety of rifles. Over the last bunch of years I've enjoyed participating in the Puget Sound Rifleman's Association's Winter Rifle League. I've enjoyed enduring friendships and earned a few accolades. I yet still enjoy participating in the shooting sports.

This last year I've enjoyed introducing a couple of West Seattle Sportsmen's Club members to the skills of reloading. I also

finished a rifle project I started 17 years ago and have continued with another I intended to complete. I'm hoping our members will want to accompany me to some of the local competitions. There are a lot of opportunities to enjoy the competitive shooting sports.

This coming year I'll be looking forward to getting back to high power competition. The National Match Course is shot by every outdoor range around. Some of the ranges, such as Kenmore, shoot at reduced range. Those ranges which enjoy the availability of space shoot the full 200, 300 and 600 yard course. Can you imagine shooting accurately at 600 yards? It's something to see, the white spotter come up time and again during the 600 yard leg. Some of the ranges host Heritage Matches. These matches are hosted for owners of vintage military rifles. There are also Sporting Matches; generally shot at 100 or 200 yards with hunting rifles.

Our Junior program is one of the best in the nation. Our juniors compete with .22 rifles and air rifles. We currently have 24 active members and a waiting list of juniors waiting to join one of our teams.

Pistol shooting is another precision marksmanship discipline we host. We're able to host the small bore competitions and have air pistols for match shooting; a nearby range hosts Bulls Eye shooting of the large bore pistols.

In all we have over 50 competitive shooters in our club. If you enjoy, or think you'd enjoy the challenge of marksmanship please let me know; I'll point you in a correct direction.

Tens and exes,

Gary Moseley
President
(206) 935-9240

Knives for Sale

We still have a number of Browning knife sets leftover from the Totem's raffle and will be selling them for \$10 per set (two knives in a tin gift box). All proceeds go to our Junior Shooting Program.

Please contact John Yeasting at 206-617-9726 or jyeasting@live.com

For Sale

Cleaning out collection....



Several Johnson 6hp kicker motors for sale (similar to those in the photo). These are late 60's models and they all are operational.

Asking \$400 each (but will entertain offers). Call if interested .

Mark Kastner (206) 999-4049.

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 _____

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