

MAY 93 TRUMAN

Hawg Hawlers NEWSLETTER

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LAST TOURNAMENT - TRUMAN LAKE

Attendance was down slightly from last month, but we still had a very good showing with 13 boats at the May tournament on Truman Lake. It was the first time at Berry Bend for the Hawg Hawlers, and the facilities were quite good. The campground had nice showers and nearby too. We discovered that the weather-persons over on the West side of the State are no better than those over here. Rain was forecast all weekend, but never came (until the ride home).

FISH STORY OF THE WEEKEND:

It has been reported that one of our members had a fish actually jerk the rod right out of his hand. The rod landed in the water and was being pulled away as it sank out of sight. Not one to lose a good rod, our angler plunged his arm (coat and all) into the water, up to the shoulder. He grabbed the rod with just his fingertips, stood up and Hawled in his Hawg. I won't embarrass him by giving his name but he only had 1 keeper for the tournament (and it weighed 2.13 lbs).

This tournament caused another all time Hawg Hawler record to fall. The previous 'poundage' record, for overall tournament weight, was 57.84 lbs (14 boats, 17 keepers), set at Mark Twain Lake in May of last year. THIS year our May tournament gave up 36 keepers, for a total of nearly 98 pounds of bass. Ten of the thirteen boats weighed in fish.

First place winners were Mark Henry and Dan Price. Dan set a new individual high with 22.55 lbs in 8 fish. Mark contributed a little with 2 fish, one being the big bass (3.85 lbs) of the tournament. Together they weighed in 10 keepers, for a total of 29.36 (another new record). Mark and Dan won \$ 142.00 for first place and another \$ 65.00 in the BIG Bass pool, for a total of \$ 207.00 (not a new record). Mark and Dan caught their fish on black and blue salt craws, in shallow water.

Second place was won by that dynamic duo of Greg Heinz Dix and (newcomer) Mark Tomasaka. They weighed in 5 fish for a total of 13.83 lbs. Their fish were caught on a jig and Guido bug combo and a spoonbill rebel. Greg and Mark shared \$ 104.00.

Third place honors went to Jack Tschannen and Terry Bost. When you add Jacks (single) **2.13** lb (<-hint) fish to Terrys 4 keepers, it added up to 11.54 lbs and \$ 64.00. Salt craws was their producing lure.

Fourth place, just by a whisker, was Terry Stanek and Bob Treadway. Terry produced 2 keepers on Saturday and Bob had 2 on Sunday. Their 4 fish were caught on salt craws and jig/pig, and weighed in at 11.11 lbs. Bob and Terry won \$ 40.00 for fourth place.

Honorable mention goes to Dave Jett and Roger Ritter for an impressive 11.06 lbs, only .05 pounds (or one split shot) out of fourth place. Daves total keeps him in the running for the Angler of the Year Title, but unfortunately 'honorable mention' doesn't pay anything.

JUST, FOR THE RECORD.....

Greg Dix and Dave Jett TIED for individual totals during this tournament. They each weighed in 4 fish for 11.06 lbs. Mark, Greg's partner, prevented a TEAM tie with his fish. If a team tie happens, it would be broken, in accordance with the Tournament Rules, by comparing the teams heaviest fish. (Greg - 3.35 lbs.; Dave - 3.49 lbs.) Greg, you better take Mark out for a steak.

ATTENDANCE PRIZES - MAY

There is a \$ 25.00 usage fee, for holding tournaments on Truman Lake. We tried, but could not get the Corps of Engineers to waive the fee. It was decided that, to offset this additional cost, we would not present a "Free Tournament". This way no money is taken away from the October Classic. The following door prizes were awarded:

Fred Reece	Strike King Spinnerbaits
Mark Henry	Poe's Crankbait
Dennis Wilson	Wiggle Wart
Terry Stanek	Wiggle Wart
Dave Jett	Salt Craws
Greg Dix	Salt Craws

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.....SALUTE

Ron and Marty Czarniecki are to be congratulated on their outstanding performance as tournament directors for Truman Lake. Anyone interested in joining the elite group of tournament directors, just call Bob at 946-3143. He will be more than happy to fill you in on the details and sign you up. (If his line is busy, because of all the volunteers, don't be discouraged. Try again later.)

Your next tournament directors for Shelbyville Lake will be Carl Zummallen and Joe (or Ed) Lavell.

MAIL REGISTRATIONS EARLY

We had an unusual situation last month with the newsletter. It was late going out and consequently some of the registrations were later than usual. Everyone's registration was received on time, but it brings up a good point. You do not need to wait for the newsletter to sign up for a tournament. The entire 1993 schedule is printed in each newsletter. The form in the newsletter is not required, but the information is! All that is necessary is your registration fee, and the names of the boater and partner (with membership info on new members).



LAST NEWSLETTER

To any of the 1992 Hawg Hawler members that have not joined for 1993, this will be your last newsletter. So join up to keep your subscription from lapsing. (And while your at it sign up your friends, neighbors, and countrymen as well). To all the 1993 members, I hope everyone is receiving the newsletter regularly. If not, let Greg Dix Heinz know at one of the tournaments, or call me at 441-7452 (if I'm not home leave your complete name, address, ZIP and phone number on the machine).

BEEEE CAREFUL

There is one of those uniformed special agents in Eagle Creek State Park. He has the responsibility of upholding the speed limit within the Park. He takes his job very seriously, and all who stay there, or pass through to the ramp, should be aware that he could be lurking around any corner (especially during a FREE fishing weekend). One of our members noted that Illinois has a requirement that all boats must have an anchor.

You have been warned!

NEXT TOURNAMENT-SHELBYVILLE, ILL

Eagle Creek State Park, on Shelbyville Lake, is the site of our next tournament. There are many campgrounds around the Lake. We recently discovered that Eagle Creek campground is the one without showers. Wolf Creek on the other side of the lake is the nearest camp with showers. All have electric. There are 3 marina's spaced out around this fairly small lake.

Remember, that this is a FREE fishing weekend for Illinois.....NO ILLINOIS FISHING LICENSE IS REQUIRED. The club has verified that you do not need an Illinois (or out of state) fishing license for that weekend.