

NEWSLETTER

Hawg Hawlers Bass Club of St. Louis

(March, 1995)

Clearwater Results...

On the third weekend of March, in 1994, at Clearwater we caught 100 fish for a total of 84.79 pounds. Of our 30 registered anglers, 28 weighed in fish (with a 7.00 lb record and also 6.13, 5.30 and 4.89 lb fish). If you are wonder why I'm reviewing the 1994 Clearwater outing.....read on.

On the second weekend of March, in 1995, at Clearwater we caught 6 fish for a total of 6.63 pounds. Of our 36 registered anglers, 6 weighed in fish, with a 1.81 lb big bass. To put this in perspective, last year FIFTH PLACE had more weight than the entire 1995 tournament (7.33 pounds), and was won by the same team, one of which went on to be our 1994 Angler of the Year.

FIRST PLACE: Dave Jett - John White
2 fish - 1.93 pounds
pattern: Shad colored Shad Raps.
prize: \$ 194.00

SECOND PLACE: Ron Martin - Brian Robinson
1 fish - 1.81 pounds (big bass)
pattern: Fat Rap.
prize: \$ 122.00 (plus \$90.00 for big bass)

THIRD PLACE: Dave Sona - Jerry Oberbeck
1 fish - 1.22 pounds
pattern: Shad colored Shad Raps, 8' deep.
prize: \$ 68.00

FOURTH PLACE: Mick Sease - Tom Clark
1 fish - .93 pounds
pattern: Slvr/blk Wiggle Wart.
prize: \$ 50.00

FIFTH PLACE: Terry Haynie - Gary McFetridge
1 fish - .74 pounds
pattern: Chart... Grub.
prize: \$ 32.00

Suffice it to say the fishing was terrible. Many anglers went down a day early, so they had the added enjoyment of not catching anything for an entire practice day also. The one day format we tried this year seemed to go over quite well. We were fishing in the warmest part of the day, which will come into play one of these years. Piedmont Park Marina was closed, so our results will not be published in the Post Dispatch, like last year. That's probably just as well.

Tournament Directors needed!

Dan Durbin, our Chief Tournament Director, is looking for a few more tournament directors. Pick your lake and call Dan at 846-6578 to reserve your spot.

OZARKS NEXT !!!

IT'S AT THE BLUE DOLPHIN! THE BLUE DOLPHIN!
ON LAKE OF THE OZARKS! GOT IT? OKAY!

This is the first time we have had to change the schedule from what we originally published. By now everyone should know that the next tournament is at THE BLUE DOLPHIN ON LAKE OF THE OZARKS.

We have been informed that the Rod and Reel Resort (314-873-5161) will rent slips only for \$ 3.00 a night, and you are not required to stay there.

Separate fish....

The Hawg Hawlers Tournament rules state (in part) that "each participant is required to adhere to all rules and regulations established for the designated tournament lake by local, state, and federal governing bodies." Please read the following excerpt from the Missouri Conservationist magazine, and be aware of REQUIREMENTS of both the Hawg Hawlers and the Department of Conservation.

Fishing Foibles

Conservation agents all over Missouri say the most common source of unintentional violations for anglers is the requirement to "keep separate or identifiable."

Never heard of it? You've got lots of company. Even some experienced anglers don't realize that they must have some way of distinguishing who caught which fish. Many anglers think that three people fishing together can catch three times the legal limit of fish, no matter who actually reels them in.

Wrong. The practice of "party fishing" or "group limits" can lead to a fine.

Keeping your catch separate or identifiable isn't a problem if each person has a stringer or if you are in a boat with a separate live well for each angler. But if two people have a dozen bass in one mess, one might be suspected of catching more than a limit of six.

One way of solving the problem is to equip your live well with a divider that allows circulation of water but keeps fish separate. Another solution is to run a stringer through the mouths of one angler's fish.

*By the way, this goes for....
in the boat, on the dock,
and AT WEIGH-IN !!*