

NEWSLETTER

Hawg Hawlers Bass Club of St. Louis

(April 1997)

Lake of the Ozarks Results . . .

Last month I made a reference to the need for long johns, wool socks (2 pair), face masks, gloves and few fish. Well, this month it was the very same thing . . . except for the fish. Previously our heaviest all time total tournament weight was 133 pounds at Pomme De Terre in 1994. This month our 59 participating club members weighed in a total of 212.99 pounds of BASS. To say that we broke the old record is like saying that Michael Jordan is just a "good" basketball player.

A few observations and comparisons about this tournament . . .

- The average bass was **OVER 3.25 pounds**.
- The total weight was over 1/2 of the total weight for ALL of 1996.
- The tournament weight was approximately 10% of the total weight this club has weighed in since it began, in 1988.
- There were more "big" fish (4+lbs) than any other Hawg Hawler Tournament. (14 fish over 4 lbs)

It's like someone said after an impressive win at one of our previous tournaments. "Dad, we forgot to take names" "What do you mean son?", asked the father. "Well", replied the son, "we kicked some butt, but we forgot to take names!" That is what the Hawg Hawlers did at Lake of the Ozarks (kicked some butt).

Comparison by day:

Saturday	30 bass	100.23 lbs	7.20 (big bass)
Sunday	34 bass	112.76 lbs	7.10 (big bass)

Ozarks Totals (breakdown on attached sheet)

Year	# of fish	TOTAL weight	# of boats	1" place	BIG Bass SAT	BIG Bass SUN
1997	64	212.99	31	28.11	7.20	7.10

1st Place Dave Jett/Tim Jett
8 fish - 28.11 lbs
prize: \$ 242.00 (8 points each)
pattern: Wht or chartreuse spinnerbaits, shallow.

2nd Place Greg Heinz/Bob Ray
6 fish - 21.14 lbs.
prize: \$ 184.00 (7 points each)
pattern: White spinnerbaits, around docks.

3rd Place Gary McFetridge/Steve Chiaurro
6 fish - 19.67 lbs.
prize: \$ 138.00 (6 points each)
pattern: Spinnerbaits, shallow, Osage river.

4th Place Larry Berry/Steve Williams
6 fish - 17.55 lbs.
prize: \$ 116.00 (5 points each)
pattern: Crawdad colored Wiggle Wart, shallow.

5th Place Terry Stanek/Bob Treadway
3 fish - 17.28 lbs.
prize: \$ 90.00 (4 points each)
pattern: Husky Jerk & Jig & Pig, shallow.

6th Place Dave Sona/Brian Smiter
5 fish - 16.46 lbs.
prize: \$ 70.00 (3 points each)
pattern: Hula grubs on Main Lake Points.

7th Place Bob Snell
2 fish - 8.55 lbs.
prize: \$ 54.00 (2 points)
pattern:

8th Place Mark Tomasiak/Greg Dix
3 fish - 8.33 lbs.
prize: \$ 36.00 (1 point each)
pattern: Blk/Blu Hula Grub on Main Lake Points.



BIG BASS (Sat) 7.2 lbs-Terry Stanek
prize: \$ 155.00
pattern: Husky Jerk.

BIG BASS(Sun) 7.1 lbs-Terry Stanek
prize: \$ 155.00
pattern: Jig & Pig.

Other "BIGGINS" worth noting.

These are some of the other 'biggins' that were weighed. There may have been others where the individual weight of the fish was not documented. If so, sorry.

Tim Jett	6.91	Bob Ray	6.12	Dave Jett	5.59
Dave Sona	5.34	Bob Snell	5.21	Dave Reiken	4.85
Greg Heinz	4.78	Terry Gross	4.72	Mike Creamer	4.67
Ron Cullen	4.46	T.R.Clark	4.34	Dave Sona	4.21



Smallest BASS Award

Undetermined

Since this was a 15" limit lake and there were so many fish weighed in, it was impossible to determine the "smallest" bass. This category will resume in the future.

☺☺ Coat-tails Award ☺☺

The "Coat-tails of the Month" award goes to the angler who reaped the most benefit from the least production. (so named because that angler rode someone else's "coat-tails" into the money) This month, this prestigious award goes to Brian Smiter for his 6th place finish.



Next Tournament - Mark Twain...

The Army Corps of Engineers has told us that the articles in the Post Dispatch about the bad fishing conditions at Mark Twain are not true. They said that there is no fungus, and the Lake is in good shape. We will find out on May 3rd/4th. At the time of this writing the lake is 7 feet over pool.

Hawg Hawler History (Mark Twain Lake)

YEAR	MO	# of Boats	TOTAL Fish	TOTAL Weight	1st Place	BIG Bass
1988	7	4	1	2.40	2.40	2.40
1988	9	4	1	2.50	2.50	2.50
1989	4	5	2	9.20	6.60	6.60
1989	7	4	4	12.08	6.46	4.25
1989	10	7	5	11.51	5.35	2.75
1990	3	9	1	2.74	2.74	2.74
1990	6	8	2	5.75	3.23	3.23
1990	9	8	7	15.27	5.13	3.29
1991	5	14	13	48.81	27.13	5.69
1991	8	7	6	12.91	5.74	3.05
1992	5	14	17	57.84	26.14	6.58
1992	10	10	3	7.12	2.86	2.86
1993	8	7	5	13.77	8.60	3.13
1993	10	13	5	12.28	4.84	3.23
1994	6	16	30	77.13	21.13	5.56
1996	5	14	13	31.48	8.44	3.99

Defending Champs: Gary McFetridge and Steve Chiaurro weighed in 3 fish for a total of 8.44 lbs. Their fish were caught shallow on crankbaits.

Lake Record: Here is one ready to be broken. Waaaay back in 1989 Mike Shaefer caught this 6.60 pound, Lake Record. This is the oldest record we have. We really need someone to break this one.

Bar-B-Que at Stockton...

In an effort to continually improve your fishing enjoyment, we are trying something different this year. At Stockton Lake in June, we will be having the very first Hawg Hawlers Bass Club Bar-B-Que. This will be held at Noon prior to the 2pm Saturday takeoff. This should give us plenty of time to have some lunch, and mingle, prior to the heavy intense competition to follow. The Bar-B-Que will consist of burgers, hot dogs, condiments, buns and chips. You must provide your own drinks. This will be funded with the attendance prize money. That means that "THERE WILL BE NO ATTENDANCE PRIZES AWARDED AT STOCKTON". Tournament prize money will NOT BE AFFECTED in any way. So when you make your plans for Stockton, consider Saturday lunch taken care of.

KENTUCKY LAKE - BIG BEAR RESORT - NOTE:

When you make your reservations at Big Bear Resort on Kentucky Lake, be sure to mention that you are a member of the Hawg Hawlers Bass Club. They are trying to group our lodging and slips together.

If you are interested in saving a few bucks, and don't mind staying off the lake, there is the Shamrock Motel in Benton (502-527-1341). It's about 7 or 8 miles off of the lake at the 641/58 junction.

Rooms go for about \$33.00 per night.

Entry Fee Refunds

Hawg Hawler Tournament Rule #3B states:

Registration fee will not be refunded within two days prior to the tournament start date. (Unusual circumstances will be considered by the Club Officers).

If a team has registered and paid for a tournament and circumstances prevent them from attending, they should call one of the club officers. Registration fee's can be refunded, if the situation warrants it, and it is known prior to the tournament. Once we have gone to the lake, purchased, and awarded attendance prizes, and paid out prize money, it is impossible to return any fee's.

Stretch D. Truth says... "I once knew a guy who



caught a fish so big that it pulled his boat from Sioux City, Iowa to Omaha. It took 2 men 2 days to land it. Their 4 chain saws used 3 gallons of gas to fillet it. It took 3 weeks to forge the skillet to

fry it. It took 2 men on roller skates, 3 days to grease the pan. A photo of the fish is said to have weighed 4 pounds. And at last report, there was water still running into the hole the fish came out of."

Truth may be stranger than fiction, but sometimes it needs to be *'Stretched'*