

NEWSLETTER

Hawg Hawlers Bass Club of St. Louis

((August 1997))

Pomme De Terre Results

Boy, can we schedule or what??? The first time the Hawg Hawlers had a morning/morning tournament, happened to be the hottest day this century (at least it seemed like it). It was also a fish/golf weekend. From all reports the golfing went pretty well. There were quite a few takers on the links, and the scores didn't quite match the heat index. The way I heard it though, some golf anglers opted NOT to play the back nine in favor of the air conditioned room they paid for. Well, a good time was had by all, and we will do it again next month at Wappapello.

Fish story of the weekend involved a 5lb drum, a club members thumb, and something dumb. The angler with the thumb was unhooking the drum, and trying to hold the drum with his thumb. The drum decided to flop, thus catching the thumb. The drum fell off the excaliber treble hook as the thumb was being connected to it. For just an instant though, the drum and the thumb and the excaliber treble hook were all one. The thumb thought, 'Boy, this was dumb' (his partner agreed). Thank goodness the hook came out of the drum as it entered the thumb. The drum didn't seem much the worse for wear, but the thumb still looks like a plumb. I will keep from embarrassing the thumb owner, but I will say that it hurts every time the space bar is hit.

With the leader in the "Angler of the Year" race not in attendance, it was a perfect opportunity for a number of anglers to make up some ground. Some did. But Dave's former 9 point lead was only cut to 6 points. There are more members in the hunt now, with a much tighter race. See the Points sheet enclosed.

Comparison by day:

Saturday	5 bass	6.89 lbs	1.66 (big bass)
Sunday	12 bass	18.76 lbs	3.39 (big bass)

Pomme Lake Totals (breakdown on attached sheet)

Year	# of fish	TOTAL weight	# of boats	1 st place	BIG Bass SAT	BIG Bass SUN
1997	17	25.65	17	4.64	1.66	3.39

1st Place Tom Clark-alone (TR had to work)
2 fish - 4.64 lbs
prize: \$ 182.00 (5 points)
pattern: Zara Spook, shallow, Possum creek.

2nd Place Ray Hawkins/Terry Gross
2 fish - 4.47 lbs.
prize: \$ 132.00 (4 points each)
pattern: Crankbaits, up in river (Linley creek)

3rd Place Rich Eder/Grant Schraer
3 fish - 3.68 lbs.
prize: \$ 90.00 (3 points each)
pattern: Chug bug, schoolers, on bluffs.

4th Place Tom Creamer/Donna Creamer
2 fish - 2.62 lbs.
prize: \$ 64.00 (2 points each)
pattern: Hula grubs, Nemo arm.

5th Place Bryan Walker/Jim Fanter
2 fish - 2.39 lbs.
prize: \$ 42.00 (1 point each)
pattern: Power worms near L-2.



BIG BASS(Sat) 1.66 lbs Brian Robinson
prize: \$ 85.00 and 2 points.
pattern: Hula grub in Coopers.
BIG BASS(Sun) 3.39 lbs Terry Gross
prize: \$ 85.00 and 2 points.
pattern: Crankbait, Linley crk.

Smallest BASS Award

.96 lbs - Fred Reece

It's nice that we can present this award to a NEW 1997 member. Congrats Fred, and welcome back to the club.



☺ ☺ Coat-tails Award ☺ ☺

....or the "Netter of the Month". . .

Donna Creamer becomes the first of our BASS-N-GALS to take this one. Donna netted enough of Tom's fish to put them in 4th place.

Next Tournament - Wappapello. . .

This could be the determining lake in the "Angler of the Year" race. Wappapello with NO SIZE LIMIT, is a place to rack up some points. With the NO CULLING rule in effect in August, you have to be careful what you put in the livewell (because it has to stay there). If you still can't decide whether to attend, look at the numbers below. We catch a lot of fish at Wappapello. This will be another morning/morning tournament, so golf will be available.

Hawg Hawlers History (Lake)

YEAR	Mo	# of Boats	TOTAL Fish	TOTAL Weight	1st Place	BIG Bass
1993	8	11	133	77.28	13.58	4.98
1994	9	15	140	80.24	11.70	3.90
1995	9	13	113	80.12	20.00	4.54
1996	7	10	95	82.53	14.78	4.65

Defending champs are Dave Sona and Jerry Oberbeck. Last year they caught their fish on Pop-R's and worms.. Club/Lake Record - 4.98 lbs - Perry Rice - 1993. Top 1st Place Weight 20.00 lbs Gene/Ted Reim in 1995.

Grandpappy always said . . .

"Things were a lot more like they used to be, than they are now."

"The difference between an Orange is a bicycle, because a vest has no sleeves."

"Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, and you get rid of the sucker for the weekend."

WANT-DON'T WANT ADD'S:

FREE - You cant beat the price. Tom Clark has an Evinrude 50HP aluminum prop for anyone who can use it..

Stretch D. Truth says . . . "Monday, a friend had



a near death experience. He went horseback riding, and all of a sudden the horse started bouncing out of control. He tried to hang on with all his might, but was thrown off. His foot got

caught in the stirrup, and he fell head first to the ground. His head continued to bounce because the horse didn't stop, or even slow down. Just as he was giving up hope, and starting to loose consciousness the Wal-Mart manager came over and unplugged the horse."

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



IN THEIR SPARE TIME, BABY BOOMER ENTOMOLOGISTS LIKE TO REMINISCE ABOUT THEIR FAVORITE BEETLE.