

NEWSLETTER

Hawg Hawlers Bass Club of St. Louis

(September 1997)

Wappapello Results

The Angler of the Year race is TIED. As you will notice on the enclosed points listing, the Angler of the Year race has a THREE WAY TIE for 1st place, with another angler only 1 point behind the leaders. Also please notice that NONE of the top 4 anglers has WON a tournament in 1997. Two have missed a tournament and the attendance points that go with it. Next month will be interesting to say the least.

There were TWO instances of fish jumping OUT of the livewells and releasing themselves back into the lake. The unfortunate thing is that they decided to make their escape prior to weigh-in. As it turned out, neither fish would have made a difference in the standings.

Comparison by day:

Saturday	50 bass	47.30 lbs	4.86 (big bass)
Sunday	54 bass	51.21 lbs	4.03 (big bass)

Wappapello Lake Totals (breakdown on attached sheet)

Year	# of fish	TOTAL weight	# of boats	1 st place	BIG Bass SAT	BIG Bass SUN
1997	104	98.51	16	12.50	4.86	4.03

1st Place Rick Armstrong/Frank Musial
12 fish - 12.50 lbs
prize: \$ 174.00 (5 points each)
pattern: Topwater, white spinnerbait.

2nd Place Tom O'Connor/Brian Robinson
15 fish - 11.39 lbs.
prize: \$ 126.00 (4 points each)
pattern: Topwater, worms.

3rd Place Terry Stanek/Bob Treadway
10 fish - 9.99 lbs.
prize: \$ 86.00 (3 points each)
pattern: Worms, crankbaits.

4th Place Fred Saenger/Eric Neff
10 fish - 9.71 lbs.
prize: \$ 58.00 (2 points each)
pattern: Worms, crankbaits.

5th Place Ron Martin/Rich Northway
9 fish - 9.16 lbs.
prize: \$ 36.00 (1 point each)
pattern: Worms, crankbaits.



BIG BASS (Sat) 4.86 lbs Steve Williams
prize: \$ 80.00 and 2 points.
pattern: Wiggle Wart.

BIG BASS (Sun) 4.03 lbs Guy Gosnell
prize: \$ 80.00 and 2 points.
pattern: Green plastic worm.

Smallest BASS Award

.04 lbs - Brian Robinson

This isn't just any award. This is the **SMALLEST BASS EVER CAUGHT IN HAWG HAWLER HISTORY.**

This fish shatters the old record of .07 lbs (held for years, by Tom O'Connor). Tom gladly passed the crown on to Brian.

Side note: This .04 pound lunker was worth a point to Brian, and moved him up to 41 points for the year and a share of the lead.



☺ ☺ **Coat-tails Award** ☺ ☺
....or the "Netter of the Month" . . .

Unclaimed. Since there was no one who clearly won this month. It was decided that the Coattails award should remain unclaimed.

Next Tournament - Truman . . .

This definitely **WILL BE** the determining lake in the "Angler of the Year" race. We have 3 anglers tied at 41 and another 8 or more, who could potentially win. And Truman lake has the potential for producing **BIG**, also. Nothing is safe. Even the Big Bass of the Year could be beaten here. This is gonna be F-U-N.

Hawg Hawlers History (Truman Lake)

YEAR	Mo	# of Boats	TOTAL Fish	TOTAL Weight	1st Place	BIG Bass
1989	6	5	12	29.93	9.35	3.91
1989	8	5	18	44.70	16.16	3.83
1990	5	6	8	16.10	7.99	2.42
1990	7	3	15	31.39	16.71	3.88
1991	6	7	11	23.69	9.88	3.10
1991	7	8	4	7.78	4.36	2.23
1992	6	7	3	8.38	4.64	4.64
1992	8	11	15	38.38	7.59	4.79
1993	5	13	36	97.82	29.36	3.85
1994	5	12	7	16.06	6.82	2.61
1994	10	16	10	26.68	7.60	3.98
1995	8	20	22	53.13	12.80	4.00
1996	8	13	10	22.48	6.50	3.66

Defending champs are the Reim brothers. Their 2 fish last year came on blk/blu salt craws in cedar trees. Ted had Big Bass last year at 3.66 pounds.

Lake Record is 4.79 lbs, by Ray Burns in August of 1992.

Top 1st Place Weight is 29.36 lbs in 1993, by Mark Henry and Dan Price. They used blk/blu salt craws in shallow water.

WANT-DON'T WANT ADD'S:

Aluminum Prop - Anyone interested in an Evinrude 50HP aluminum prop contact one of the officers. Oh, yeah, IT'S FREE.

Boat for sale: 1993 Cajun 18'-8", Maroon/Black, 115hp Yamaha, 1996 Motorguide Brute 48lb t/m, Lowrance graph, 2 livewells, 2 chair seats, 2 butt seats w/posts, boat/motor cover, \$7,500. Call Dave Sona 337-1608.

Stretch D. Truth says . . . "Boudreaux &



Thibodeaux wanted to do some ice fishing. When the peak of ice fishing season arrived, they loaded up the old truck and took off for Canada. Just before they

reached the lake, they stopped at the bait shop to pick up a few last minute items. Boudreaux said "you know we might need an ice pick". Thibodeaux agreed and they bought one, and headed off for the lake. An hour later they came back to the bait shop and bought 3 more ice picks. Two hours later they came back again, and asked the clerk for all of the ice picks he had in stock. Somewhat puzzled by this, the clerk asked how the fishing was. To which Boudreaux replied "Fishing?, Heck we haven't even got the boat in the water yet!"

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

Classic Dinner

Reservations for the Hawg Hawler Classic Dinner are required. There will be attendance prizes for all 1997 club members in attendance. See enclosed flyer for details.

Angler of the Year prize package.

The Angler of the Year prize package for 1997 will include a club jacket (choice of design), with the club logo screened on the back with "Angler of the Year" embroidered above the logo and "1997" embroidered below the logo. The anglers name will be embroidered on the front. The winner will also receive a G-Loomis rod, and will have their name added to the traveling trophy, which they will keep for the next year.

Big Bass of the Year prize package.

The angler catching the Biggest Bass of the year will be presented with a club jacket (choice of design), with the club logo screened on the back with "Big Bass of the Year" embroidered above the logo and "1997" embroidered below the logo. The anglers name will be embroidered on the front. Also, their name will be added to the traveling trophy, which they will keep for the next year.

1997 Hawg Hawler Classic Tournament

The 1997 Classic will be held on Stockton Lake. For anyone who doesn't know, here is how we conduct this tournament. This is a FREE Tournament. NO ENTRY FEE, BUT REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. The club will put up \$300.00 in prize money, \$200.00 for first place (\$100 to each member of the winning team), \$50.00 for Big Bass of the Tournament, and ONE attendance prize of \$50.00. THIS IS NOT A POINTS TOURNAMENT. It will be structured, as in the past, as a "modified draw" tournament. You will fish with the partner that you register with. But, all participants will draw for weigh-in partners, prior to take off. Further explanation next month.

WANNA BE A CLUB OFFICER????

We are looking for a few good men or women who consider themselves officer material for the Hawg Hawlers 1998 Officers. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact one of this years officers. Officer nominations will be taken up to and including the Classic Dinner. In the event of more than one volunteer for a position, the election of 1998 officers will be held at the Classic Dinner

Rule Clarification . . .

There were a couple of area's of confusion at the Wappapello tournament. The officers hope the following explanation will eliminate any further confusion.

Weigh in time:

The official weigh-in time is the time announced at the pre-tournament meeting. Tournament Rule 1E states

The tournament team must return to the designated weigh-in area, **PRIOR TO** the designated weigh-in time. **THERE IS NO GRACE PERIOD!**

Just to give you a little background on this rule; the officers discussed the "grace period" allowance fully when we wrote the Tournament Rules 10 years ago. Some early suggestions were to allow a 10 minute grace period, with a "one pound per minute" penalty after the grace period. You can see that this would be a timekeeping and bookkeeping nightmare. Our officers come in 20-30 minutes early, each and every day of each and every tournament to set up for weigh-in. Our tournament directors are required to be in 15 minutes early to hand out bags. We cannot expect them to also track the exact minute each boat returns. The MOST FAIR way to approach this is to have all contestants abide by the same time constraints. Consequently it was decided that there would be NO GRACE PERIOD. So far, it has not been a problem. Sure there have been teams disqualified because they returned late, but they accepted that. Everyone in this club has signed the "Tournament Rules Acknowledgment Form", stating that they have read and will abide by all of the club's rules.

We are different from other organizations in that we allow our tournament organizers to fish the tournaments. B.A.S.S., Red Man, Bass World Sports, and others have a tournament staff that DOES NOT FISH in their tournaments. They have the resources to track each boat's take off, and check in times. We just do not have the staff to do that. So to try and simplify things, we set a take off time and a weigh in time, with NO GRACE PERIODS. The key words in rule 1E are "prior to" weigh in. If a team wants to return early and pull their boat out, so be it. If a team wants to fish to the last minute and get back just before weigh-in, that is fine also. Just make sure that if you have fish to be weighed, that you are ready when your boat number is called at weigh-in.

Free Tournament - Eligibility:

"Non Transferable": The intent of the free tournament award, is to encourage a participant to return and fish another tournament. It is non-transferable because the club wants the **holder** to return to another tournament. It defeats the purpose of the award to give it (or worse - sell it) to someone who is already planning to attend another tournament. So, it is NON transferable.

"Used during current year": It must be used during the current year, for bookkeeping purposes. It would not be good business to have 20 of these from past years all come up at one tournament. Our club would go broke. With the exception of the scale fund, we take the club treasury down to \$50 at the end of each year. It's one of those non-profit things. Consequently, we must balance the IN dollars with the OUT dollars, at the end of the year. We cannot have outstanding "coupons" or freebies carry over from year to year.

Attendance prize - eligibility.

As long as we are reviewing rules, let's cover one more item. To be eligible to win an attendance prize, you must be in attendance. That means that you must be able to reach out and collect your prize personally. It doesn't mean, over in the truck, down at the boat, out on the dock, or anywhere else. It means . . . in attendance. That's why it is called an ATTENDANCE prize. (the only exception is for someone on official club business - like a tournament director).