

NEWSLETTER

Hawg Hawlers Bass Club of St. Louis

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Your wait is over! Here it is!

This is the one you've been waiting for!

This is the newsletter that has all of the sign up stuff for 1998. All you have to do now is fill out a couple forms and send in your check to continue your membership in the Hawg Hawlers Bass Club. If we did everything right, you will find the following attachments (changes noted):

1998 Tournament Rules

(includes membership form).

OLD RULE:

Penalties were assessed against a particular fish. Consequently a dead fish would be assessed a ¼ (.25) pound penalty in the Tournament competition, and possibly another ¼ (.25) pound penalty in the Big Bass competition.

NEW RULE:

Since these are two separate competitions, governed by separate rules, the Tournament competition penalty does not apply when weighing fish for Big Bass. Consequently, in the Big Bass competition the registered weight of the fish, will be the actual weight of the fish (dead or alive).

MISC:

The only other changes to the Tournament rules were wording clarifications.

1998 Tournament Schedule

(includes tournament sign up forms)

The club survey taken at the 1997 Awards Banquet led us to the schedule we have come up with for 1998. Changes you will notice include; NO Mark Twain Lake, NO Kentucky Lake, Table Rock is back, Two Ozarks, Two Trumans, TWO Bar-B-Ques, Three morning/morning tournaments, NINE "points" tournaments, and even a GOLF tournament. The location for the Table Rock tournament has not been decided yet. We are going to look for potential resorts at the boat show. We will stay in the Kimberling City area, but there were too many negative comments about Schooner Creed to return there. A decision will be made prior to the next newsletter. Looks like it will shape up to be a pretty good (and pretty busy) year.

1998 Points system.

Two changes to the points sheet. First, at Clearwater there will only be one Big Bass award. Last year to disburse the money, we set up second and third place Big Bass money. This year the "second day" Big Bass money will be put toward the Bar-B-Ques. Second, there will be no penalty deductions for the Big Bass competition as described earlier.

1998 Payout schedule.

This has changed slightly to accommodate the larger number of boats that we are drawing. The payout amounts were adjusted using the following criteria. Last place payout with any number of boats will equal the registration fee (\$50). All of the payouts are even numbers, to help in calculating splits. There is a slight shift in the payout, directing a little more money toward first place.

Home Page.

For those with internet access, the Hawg Hawlers now has a home page. The address is

<http://members.aol.com/HawgHawler/HawgHawlersBassClub.html>

Initially, this home page will be used for INFORMATIONAL purposes ONLY for our club members. It will NOT be used for publicity to attract new members. In the future we hope to have "Angler of the Year" standings, tournament results, newsletter stuff, and maybe even photo's. Who knows?

There are some new and exciting things happening for '98. It looks like another record year for the Hawg Hawlers Bass Club.

Boat Ramp Fee's

It is our understanding that the Army Corps of Engineers is going to be more strict this year regarding the launch ramp fee's at their lakes. The club has paid lake usage fee's to Truman and Wappapello for a number of years, and we will continue to pay those. But the Ramp Fee's are the responsibility of the boater. Please remember to pay the necessary fee wherever applicable.

Money Man

Remember to send your membership and tournament entry fees to Ron Martin. His address is on the forms. You can still make checks payable to "Hawg Hawlers Bass Club", but send them to Ron.

CLEARWATER TOURNAMENT:

This is the only newsletter you will receive until the first tournament. You will need the forms in this newsletter to sign up for Clearwater. So send your 1998 membership in today, and include your Clearwater sign-up sheet.

See you at Clearwater.