

NEWSLETTER

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New Rules

Rules have been updated - make sure you know the latest.

Survey Results

Suggestions and comments submitted by club members at the Hawg Hawlers award dinner have been discussed by the officers. Here are a few of the changes being implemented as a result of this survey:

Members expressed an interest in longer fishing times so a couple of tournaments have been changed on Saturday to allow another hour of fishing.

Members requested faster take-off times (some boats are getting stuck behind others and can't get up front for their take-off position). To help solve this problem boats holding positions one through ten will be called out first - then the next 10 and so on.

There were requests to fish other areas of a lake so this year for the two Ozarks tournaments - one will be held on Grand Glaze PB-2 area and another will be held on Niangua. Bull Shoals was also added to the schedule this year.

There were a few requests for sticking to the designated take-off time regardless of weather conditions. Sorry but we can't say yes to this one for obvious reasons - safety factors.

Some members requested a new location for the dinner this year. Extra space has been provided on the membership form for any suggestions you may have for a reasonably priced - centrally located facility. Your assistance would be appreciated. Please send us some ideas.

Are You Ready to Fish?

It won't be long. January - February - March - Saturday the 27th to be exact. Our first tournament for 1999. As usual this early spring tournament is a one day tournament and will be held at Clearwater Lake. The fishing time is 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Make sure you mail in those membership dues and entry forms in plenty of time for this one. The holidays are over and before you know it will be time to pull that bass boat out of the garage, clean her up and get ready to FISH! So shake off those winter blues and start gearing up for another great year of fishing with your Hawg Hawler buddies.



Good Time BBQ's

There will be two barbeques held again this year. One at the June - Stockton tournament and another at the September - Table Rock tournament. We are asking for volunteers to organize these barbeques. If you are interested please submit your name in the space provided on the membership form. We would appreciate any help. Our barbeques are always a success and prove to be a great time for socializing with friends and swapping those stories about the one that got away. So if you want to hear some 'good ones' plan on attending both of these.

HAWG HAWLERS BASS CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

Tips

Weighting Soft Plastic Jerkbait

Sometimes you want your jerkbait to sink and/or sink at different rates. You may have tried several different methods to accomplish this task such as split shot, nails and weighted-hooks. Here is another inexpensive, and quick, way to add "sink" to your plastic jerkbait.

Use Storm Suspend Strips. Wrap as many Strips to the front of the hook shank as you want - the more Strips the faster the sink. Start with one Strip and keep adding until the fall is what you, or the fish, wants. Adding or removing Suspend Strips is a very fast way to alter the lure rate of sink. Be aware that adding too many strips will make it difficult to change baits without tearing the plastic. We usually stop at three Strips.

Suspend Strips, made primarily for suspending crankbaits, are available at your tackle shop. Contact Storm Lures at 405-329-5894 if you cannot find the product.

Featured jerkbaits are the Mango Minnow from (top) and the Shad Assassin .



DON'T FORGET WE NEED TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS !!!!!!!



About Our Club

We have yearly membership dues of \$15.00 per angler. All of this money goes toward our Awards Banquet at the end of the season. We require a signed rules acknowledgment form, stating that the club member has read and understands all of the club rules and will accept the penalties stated therein.

The club By-Laws serve as general guidelines for the club. They define the scope and purpose of the club as an organization, to include the duties and functions of club officers, yearly awards, and financial constraints.

The Tournament Rules define who can fish, where they can fish, take off procedures, livewell check, time check, weigh in procedures, grace period, and other general rules, as well as standard penalties for each rule violation. Special thanks to the Rules Committee for doing a great job revising the Tournament Rules for 1999.

The Points System is used to determine the Angler of the Year. The member attaining the highest number of points in a given year, using the guidelines set forth, is named our "Angler of the Year".

The Awards Banquet is a dinner provided to all current club members, free of charge (provided a minimum of two tournaments is fished). Awards are presented and there are attendance prizes for everyone. Some attendance prizes are donated by our supporters while others are bought throughout the year during closeouts, clearances or other sales.

If you are a new member welcome to the club! If you are already an official Hawg Hawler welcome back! It should be another great year.

Humor

A man phoned home from his office. "Honey," he told his wife, "Something has just come up. I have a chance to go fishing for a week. It's the opportunity of a lifetime. So would you pack my clothes, my fishing equipment and my blue silk pajamas? I'll be home in an hour to pick them up." A week later he returned. "Did you have a good trip, dear?" His wife asked. "It was great, fabulous!" He exclaimed. "But you forgot to pack my blue silk pajamas." "No I didn't," She replied. "I put them in your tackle box."

THINGS YOU'D NEVER HEAR A HUNTER OR ANGLER SAY:

1. "I want a mountain bike instead of a new scope for my rifle."
2. "Pass the tofu."
3. "Deer season is too long; I should spend more time with my wife."
4. "The tires on that truck are too big."
5. "Hey! Lets take our wives up to the hunting camp with us!"
6. "Let's go shopping, fishing can wait."
7. "Honey, you're right I don't need a new gun."
8. "He's too big to shoot, I won't be able to drag him out."
9. "You don't need to buy those lures. Why don't you send your wife flowers instead?"
10. "I feel pretty guilty not washing those breakfast dishes before coming out here to fish!"
11. "It's too cold to hunt."
12. "John, Ed, hook up the boat and camper to the station wagon, the wives want the truck this weekend."
13. "Guys, I would appreciate it if you didnt smoke or drink in here."
14. "Hey guys there's a gas station, pull over and we can ask directions to the lodge."
15. "I missed!"

If a man is talking, alone, in a forest, with no woman there to hear him, is he still wrong?