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April - Lake of the Ozarks Tournament

The April 17th & 18th Lake of the Ozarks tournament will be held at Lake Breeze Resort - Lake Road 5-71 1/4 mile off Hwy.5 North - Mile Marker 2-1/2 Big Niangua 1-800-222-2581. They have 15 units - one or two bedrooms that will accommodate 2 - 6 people. Also a 3 bedroom - 2 bathroom house that will hold up to 8 people. When making reservations tell them you are with the Hawg Hawlers bass tournament and you will get a 10% discount. Other conveniences listed: heat & air, color/cable TV (very important), automatic coffee pots (won't need to bring one) & toasters, cooking utensils, dishes, & silverware, bed linens furnished (no towels), concrete ramp, electric hookups for batteries, boat & motor rentals, game room with video games, pool table, juke box & foosball, BBQ grills & picnic tables for each unit, 11 covered & padded boat slips - 8 & 10 foot wide (there should be additional boat slips available in walking distance at a neighbors resort). Hopefully this information will help you with your packing. Make your reservations soon if you haven't already.

Now Are You Ready to Fish?

January is gone - February - March - Saturday the 27th don't forget. Our first tournament for 1999. A one day tournament at Clearwater Lake. The fishing time is 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Get those membership dues and entry forms in the mail if you haven't already. Is the boat ready? Still got the winter blues? Have you tried any of the bass fishing games for your PC? I bought Trophy Bass 2. I can go on fishing trips to diferent lakes (even Lake of the Ozarks & Bull Shoals) or enter tournaments! Just to let you know how realistic the game is ... when I go on fishing trips I do great! I had a live well of five fish that weighed over 50 pounds! I figured I would enter a tournament. The first day ... no fish! The second day ... catfish, blue gill, etc. - no bass! Is that realistic or what?!!

Bull Shoals Tournament

When we go to Bull Shoals in May we will be fishing out of Pontiac Cove Marina. The marina is only about 1/2 mile from the Arkansas border. Fishing in Arkansas requires an "out of state" license. Here is a toll free phone number that you can call to obtain an "out of state" license. They will take your information over the phone (with a credit card) and mail you a license. Cost is \$10.00 for a three day license.

1-800-364-4263



Don't forget ...

we need volunteers for barbeques.

HAWG HAWLERS BASS CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

Tips

Boat Positioning Is Critical

Boat position often determines success in fishing. Many anglers prefer to fish with the wind or current for convenience sake - a mistake when fishing visible cover. A bass in a bush will face current or wind, so you want to bring your lure with the natural flow of water. Also, by working into the wind, you have better control of the boat and are less likely to pass up good targets.

Target Bass Carefully

The way bass position themselves on or within the cover can change throughout the day and should play a role in how close you get to casting targets. In early morning spring or fall fishing, bass may be at the very bottom of the bush, but once the sun warms the water, they'll move closer to the surface and suspend in the top where they can be spooked easily. That's when you need to back off and make longer casts.



Fishin' The Treetops

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

Tips (continued)

Assess Each Cast

Before making each cast, analyze the area to determine where the biggest bass should be, and make that your first target. Most anglers prefer to cast to the edges of heavy brush before they throw into it, but that's not wise. If you're going to capitalize on big fish, you need to make them strike out of impulse. By casting around the area, you'll put the bigger fish on the defensive and lose that element of surprise.

Pay Attention To Details

When catching several fish from an isolated area, pay attention to what's there. Note the water depth, bottom content and cover. Is it silted or gravel bottom? Where is it located in relation to the creek channel or shoreline? Duplicate those conditions elsewhere and chances are you'll find another good area.

Watch For Changes

When action stops in an area where you've been catching bass, don't assume you've caught them all. Something may have triggered a change in the fish's aggressiveness. For example, if action slows when clouds move in, perhaps the bass moved shallower. Conversely, if catching them during cloudy conditions and the sun shines, look for fish to be tighter to the cover. Fish also move shallower when the water is rising, and deeper if it is falling.

One last note:

A rising barometer indicates fair weather and a rise in wind velocity, a falling barometer indicates stormy or rainy weather. If the barometric pressure is low or falling fish will be active.

Humor

YOU MIGHT BE A BASSAHOLIC IF....

- ..you have a power worm dangling from your rear-view mirror because you think it makes a good air freshener.
- ..your wedding party had to tie the tin cans to the back of your bass boat.
- ..you call your boat "sweetheart" and your wife "Skeeter".
- ..your local tackle shop has your credit card number on file.
- ..you keep a flippin' stick by your favorite chair to change the TV channels with.
- ..you get "40 to life" because your teenager asked you to buy him a jet-ski.
- ..you name your black Lab "Mercury" and your cat "Evinrude".
- ..your cologne is called "BANG".
- ..Bass Pro Shops has a private line just for you.
- ..you honeymooned on Lake Okeechobee..ALONE!
- ..you have your name painted on a parking space at the launch ramp.
- ..you have a photo of your ten pounder on your desk at work instead of your family.
- ..you consider viennies and crackers a complete meal.
- ..you think MEGABYTES means a good days fishing.
- ..you send your kid off to the first day of school with his shoes tied in a Palomar knot.
- ..your wife puts on green lipstick just so you'll kiss her more.
- ..your favorite color is Scuppernong.
- ..you think there are four seasons...pre-spawn, spawn, post-spawn, and hunting.
- ..your \$30,000 bass boat's trailer needs new tires so your just "borrow" the ones off your house.
- ..your wife tells you she's feeling "frisky" but you don't know what she means until she explains she wants to SPAWN.
- ..you go to church to meet new fishing partners.
- ..you trade your wife's van for a smaller vehicle so your boat will fit in the garage.
- ..your kids know it's Saturday...because the boat's gone.