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Table Rock Lake -- This popular southwest-Missouri lake is surrounded by both natural beauty and manmade attractions. Its 43,100 acres are especially good for boating, skiing, swimming and fishing, and the clear, deep water draws more scuba divers than any other Missouri lake. Campsites are plentiful, with 17 Corps of Engineers public-use areas, national forest lands and a state park. Boaters have 19 marinas, and there are 125 motels and resorts with direct access to the water. A Corps visitors center with displays and a nature trail is open during the summer at the dam. Tours of the dam and powerhouse are available.

Directions: 44 south west to 65 south - bypass Springfield (unless you want to detour to Bass Pro Shops take Sunshine to Campbell.) To avoid going through Branson go west on EE to 13 south. 13 will take you to Kimberling City. From 13 turn west on Joe Bald/James River Road (road 13-35). Follow Joe Bald 3.5 miles to 300D (just before Joe Bald Bass Station-Mini Market - 1.5 miles to the Fin & Feather Resort. Marker #47

From the President's Boat

Truman Lake wasn't to kind to some of us but there were a lot of good fish caught and the weather was great. I was very pleased to see so many new members this late in the year. I hope you are pleased with the way our club works and fish with us again next year. Our club has grown so much this year. We now have 115 members and everything is going smooth thanks to the cooperation of everyone. We as officers have strived to be consistent with everything we have done. Hawg Hawlers is unlike many other clubs in that we have a family oriented club. We have a good group of people. If you are fishing for the money you won't like us much but if you enjoy competition at an affordable price you will enjoy fishing with this club.

I hope to see you all at our next tournament at Table Rock Lake. This will be our last BBQ for this year so come hungry. We will eat at 11:30. I know everyone will enjoy themselves.

Welcome to all our new and returning members:

Ed Gagnor, Pat Jordan, Greg Shands, Charles Hilderbrand, Paul Holtmeyer, Ron Cullen, Don Lankin, and Ronald (Scott) Schneider. See you at the lake.

Gary

PS Thank you to everyone who sent cards, letters, and gifts to our grandson Alex. He will have his final surgery soon and will be ready to learn to walk again.

Thanks again, Gary & Donnie

BBQ

11:30am Sat. Sept. 18 at the Fin & Feather Resort. Bring drinks & chairs.



Truman Results

Big Bass



1st Place

Tom McGraw/Pat Jordan
5 fish - 17.63 lb.
\$196.00 (6 points each)

pattern: Pumpkin Pepper Chompers

# of total fish	# of wt.	# of 1st boats	sat pla	sun bbass	bbass
45	108.97	24	17.63	5.19	5.54



Sat Pat Jordan
5.19 lb. \$120.00 (2 points)
pattern: Pumpkin Pepper Chomper



2nd Place

Don Ernst/Chuck Elders
4 fish - 9.20 lb.
\$170.00 (5 points each)

pattern: Red Shad worms

Honorable Mentions:

Big Bass: Tom McGraw - 4.15 lb.
Fred Reece - 4.05 lb.

Team Weight: Steve
Armstrong/Warren Lichius - 6.76 lb.



"SqueakerBass"

Steve Armstrong - 1.55 lb.



3rd Place

Fred Reece/Don Hall
3 fish - 8.30 lb.
\$130.00 (4 points each)

pattern: Pumpkinseed Chompers,
Red Shad worms



Coattails

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

Jim Coyner - no fish - 5th place



Sun Chuck Hilderbrand
5.54 lb. \$120.00 (2 points)
pattern: white spinnerbait on bluffs

4th Place

Niel Schultz/Russel Grobe
4 fish - 8.22 lb.
\$100.00 (3 points each)

pattern: Red Shad worms, black
buzzbaits

5th Place

Jim Coyner/Chuck Hilderbrand
2 fish - 7.50 lb.
\$74.00 (2 points each)

pattern: white spinnerbaits on bluffs

6th Place

Paul Boehme/Steve Carnal
3 fish - 6.84 lb.
\$50.00 (1 points each)

pattern: Red Shad worms



New Record/Old Record:

Top Total Weight: New - 108.97 lb.
Old - 97.82 lb. (1993)

Club/Lake Record: New - 5.54 lb.
Old - 4.79 lb. (1992)

Most Boats: New - 24 Old - 20 (1995)

Most Fish: New - 45 Old - 36 (1993)

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Last years results at Table Rock: 25 fish, 51.30 lb., 21 boats, 1st place 9.05 lb., big bass Sat. 2.58 lb., big bass Sun. 3.06 lb.

Top 1st Place Weight -4 fish 12.41 lb. Terry Stanek/Bob Treadway (1994) caught on chartreuse spinnerbaits & blk/blu/jig/pig.

Lake Record - Terry Stanek - 4.58 lb. (1994) caught on black & blue jig/pig

Defending Champs - Ron Martin/Rich Northway (1998) 4 fish - 9.05 lb. pattern: worms in backs of coves.

Spoonbill Record - 27 lb. - Bob Treadway (1994). Spoonbill pattern was hooking them in the top of the head with a Texas rigged worm.

Tips: Fall

In the early fall, bass go on longer feeding sprees in response to falling water temperatures and the subsiding intensity of the sun. The diminishing food supply also forces them to stay on the prowl. Larger lures are in order, because the remaining baitfish have grown large over the summer. Buzzbaits and spinnerbaits in 3/8 to 1/2 ounce sizes, and larger crankbaits and topwater plugs, make good choices now. Bass are very mobile during the early fall, so fish these lures at moderate to fast speeds and keep moving until you find the bass. The plastic worm is still deadly, but as the water cools, the bass prefer a jig. This is a prime time to hit schools of feeding fish, especially in the mouths of feeder creeks, and on main lake points and islands.

When the surface water cools to about 60 degrees, it becomes heavier and sinks, allowing warmer water beneath it to rise. This

phenomenon called the turnover, eliminates the thermocline and reoxygenates the water. The process may last several days and fishing is poor until it is completed. When the surface water temperature dips to about 55 degrees, the turnover ends and one of the best big bass periods of the year begins.

The bass seem to sense that this is their last chance to fatten up before winter, and they remain in a positive feeding mood, even though their metabolism is slowing. They gradually begin moving back toward their deep winter homes, and you may find them on the same bluff banks, creek channel banks, points, and deep weed beds where you caught them early in the spring. The fishing methods are basically the same, so rely heavily on a jig and don't hesitate to try crankbaits and spinnerbaits with slow to moderate retrieves, especially after warming trends. The colder the water becomes, the deeper and more slowly you will have to fish. You may have to endure cold hands and feet, but the reward may be the biggest bass of your life.



Humor

Ten Clues That You've Chosen The Wrong Fishing Guide:

1. He's got the open engine manual sitting on the console next to the controls.
2. He screams "Yeehaa," as he turns the boat away from the dock and pushes the throttle forward.
3. He thinks it's an asset that he can drive so fast that he gets the boat completely out of the water.
4. It takes him two hours and twenty-five minutes to reach your fishing destination on a five hour charter.
5. He can't stop laughing when he realizes that his brother the Sheriff gave you a speeding ticket on your

way to his boat, and says nothing about getting the ticket canceled.
6. He casually tells you that on days he can't get a charter he's a delivery driver for Pizza Hut.

7. He goes on for hours about how boats are safer than cars, but only because there are less vehicles directly next to one to hit. He runs aground three times during this oration.

8. He goes on for hours about his alien abduction experiences, with much detail given to the tests they supposedly performed on him.

9. The other fishing guides hold up protective religious icons as he passes by.

10. At the end of the day's catchless fishing, he begs you to allow him to use your name as a reference, because none of his other 110 charters would.

There is this guy who goes to hunting camp and all his hunting buddies rag him about how he is so hen pecked. They tell him he has to show his wife who is the boss. When he gets back home, the guy decides that he is going to start showing his wife who's boss. He takes off his pants and throws them over to his wife and says, 'Here put these on'. His wife looks at him and says, 'I can't wear your pants, they're too big'. He replies, 'Remember that I wear the pants'. His wife then takes off her panties and throws them over to her husband and says, 'Here put these on'. He says, 'I can't get into them'. The wife says, 'That's right and if you don't change that attitude you never will'.

Awards Banquet

As announced at the beginning of 1998 there is a two tournament requirement to get into the Awards Banquet FREE. Anyone not having fished two tournaments during the current year, will have to pay for the dinner and will not be eligible for attendance prizes. So, get your two tournaments in so you will be eligible.