



Hawg Hawlers Bass Club



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Tom O'Connor 1999 Angler of the Year

Gene Reim takes 99 Big Bass Honors

For those that didn't make the Hawg Hawlers Banquet last November, Tom O'Connor walked away with the coveted Angler of the Year trophy. Brian Robinson, the 1998 winner, presented the trophy, G-Loomis rod and Angler of the Year jacket.



Brian Robinson (L) presents the 1999 Hawg Hawler Angler of the Year award to Tom O'Connor (R)

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Clearwater First Tournament for 2000

One Day Tournament on March 25

Our first tournament of the year will be at Clearwater Lake again this year, located near Piedmont, MO. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather, and bring your Ziploc bags (gallon size this year?! Hope to see you there.

Directions

To get to Clearwater, take 55 South to 67 South, stay on 67 South to Hwy 34, take 34 West to Piedmont, go through Piedmont and take a Right on HH, that will take you to the lake.

Launch at Piedmont Park ramp (don't go across the dam). The tournament is out of Piedmont Park Marina, which will be to your right by water as you leave the ramp. Don't wait around at the ramp for the tournament like some folks did last year...it will be a long wait.

What's New For 2000

As a result of the member survey at the November Banquet, here is a summary of changes for this year.

- **Point System.** Creel points goes to two (2) points per fish (was 1).
- **50/50 Drawing.** We will have 50/50 drawing at each tournament this year after Saturdays weigh-in. Get tickets from the club officers Saturday AM before the pre-tournament meeting.
- **Winners Plaques.** In addition to the normal cash purse, plaques will be given to both members of the 1st place team for the weekend, as well as to the angler that catches the heaviest Big Bass of the weekend.

Tom's 1999 points total of 79 was the culmination of a good, consistent season, allowing him to edge out Gene Reim, who finished second in the club points standings with 75. Congratulations on a great year Tom!

While Gene Reim may have ended up in second in points, he held on to first place with his 6.39lb bass from the spring Lake of the Ozarks tournament. Club President Gary Eubanks presented the Big Bass Trophy and G-Loomis rod to Gene. Great job Gene!



1999 Big Bass of the Year winner Gene Reim (L), accepts his awards from Hawg Hawler President Gary Eubanks

We had a great turnout at the annual Banquet, and some great prizes were given away. As is the custom with the Hawg Hawlers Annual Banquet, all attending members that fished a minimum of two tournaments during the year, went home with some nice attendance prizes to go with their free meal. Big prizewinner of the night was Brian Robinson with a brand new trolling motor he went home with (valued at \$390). Don't miss the 2000 Hawg Hawler Banquet, scheduled for October 28, 2000.



TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

Tournament Directors are needed for all 2000 tournaments. Pretty easy piece of work for 2 points (maximum of 4 tournament director points per angler, per year). All you have to do is be available 30 minutes before takeoff each day, participate in livewell checks and hand out boat numbers. Get your picks for T Director in early, just fill in the section at the bottom of the tournament entry form.

About Hawg Hawlers

Information for New Members

1) Improve our skills as Bass Anglers.

2) Provide a friendly competition.

3) Stimulate awareness of Bass Fishing as a sport.

These were our goals when we formed the HAWG HAWLERS Bass Club in 1988, with only 8 members. In 1999 we had 118 members. We must be doing something right.

The direction of the club has expanded to include a strong emphasis on family fishing. Many of our regular teams consist of husband/wife as well as father and son or daughter.

Our organization has 5 officers (Pres, Vice-Pres, Sec, Treas, and a Tournament Chairman). Their responsibilities include organizing, scheduling, and obtaining proper authorization for tournaments, allocating club funds, and publicizing information to the club members.

The Club conducts eight or nine tournaments during the year, beginning in March and running through October. They are formatted as "BUDDY" tournaments, with each boat consisting of a team of two-persons maximum. All tournaments are held on Missouri Lakes. Our tournament fishing times are generally 6 hours on Saturday morning or evening and 6 hours on Sunday morning (allowing for two weigh-ins). Our summer tournaments are usually Saturday and Sunday mornings, to escape the summer heat. Some members take golf clubs and get in a round of golf in the afternoon. We usually have two, club funded, Bar-B-Ques that coincide with tournaments.

Membership in the club is \$15.00 annually, per angler. The tournament entry fee is \$50.00, per boat, (which includes \$5.00/boat big bass pool). Participants are competing for cash awards (approximately 90% tournament payback, with 10% going toward mailing expenses, insurance, and the "Awards Banquet"). Attendance prizes are awarded at each tournament (when there is no BBQ).

At the end of the year (October) we have an Awards Banquet. This where we present our BIG BASS and ANGLER OF THE YEAR traveling trophies. Dinner is Free to club members who have fished 2 tournaments for the current year. Any money left in the treasury,

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and not allocated for some other purpose, is used for attendance prizes for all qualifying club members who attend. We also have a number of Corporate Sponsors who supply us with some very nice attendance prizes. Everyone qualifying for the "free" dinner gets an attendance prize.

If you think the HAWG HAWLERS Bass Club, an organization of sportsmen and women sharing a common interest, and providing a different kind of club fishing, is the thing for you, simply review the Tournament Rules attached, complete the Membership Information slip (don't forget to SIGN IT), and detach and return it along with your membership fee to Donnie Eubanks at the address on the form.



Your Hawg Hawlers Officers For 2000



President
Gary Eubanks
3 years service
as an officer



Vice President
Rick Armstrong
3 years service
as an officer



Secretary
Charlie Beach
First year of
service



Treasurer
Donnie Eubanks
2 years service as an
officer



Tournament Chairman
John Maness
First year of service

- **Angler and Big Bass of the Year Trophies.** In addition to the traveling trophies for these two accomplishments, take home trophies for the anglers to keep will also be provided.
- **Big Bass Pins.** In addition to the cash purse (and Big Bass of the weekend Plaque), Hatpins will be given to the Big Bass winner of each day of all tournaments.
- **Banquet Date Changed.** The end of year Banquet Dinner has been moved to an earlier date, October 28.
- **Weigh-in Change.** We will be using perforated bags at weigh-in to hopefully speed up the process.
- **Schedule Change.** Table Rock removed and Mark Twain added.
- **Spotted Bass.** Minimum length for Spotted Bass will be 12" for both Lake of the Ozarks tournaments, and for Bull Shoals.

CLUB HAT PINS

We have some club hat pins on order. They have the club logo and year on them (see below). These will be available to club members at a reasonable cost. Check with a club officer to get yours (limited quantities).



NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

Any members that would like to, can receive their newsletter via email. This will save the club a little money on postage, and allow you to view it in full color. The Newsletter will be sent in MS Word 97 format, along with the current schedule in Excel. Anyone that is interested should send an email to 4beaches@mocty.com. Type "HH News" in the subject line and you will be added to the email mailing list.

Cyber Stuff

HAWG HAWLERS WEBSITE

The new Hawg Hawlers Website is up and running. You can find all the pertinent club information, along with tournament results, clubs news items, member classifieds and a whole lot more at:

<http://www.usmo.com/~4beaches/hawghawlers/home.html>

Make sure you put the "tilde" (~) in front of the 4beaches when you punch in the address.



MISSOURI INTERNET BASS TOURNAMENT

One of the Hawg Hawler's founding fathers (Greg Heinz), with assistance from a couple of others (yours truly included) are organizing what should be a great, fun tournament.

The MIBT 2000 tournament is set for the weekend of April 8th and 9th at Lake of the Ozarks. It will be headquartered out of the same location as the Hawg Hawlers spring Ozarks tournament, Irish Hills Resort. This is a totally not for profit event. We are working on some great sponsor prize donations, all of which will be given as attendance prizes. Bring the family and join in the fun.

\$40 entry fee per boat includes:

- 2 days of fishing
- An MIBT 2000 hat for each participant
- Free BBQ after weigh-in on Saturday
- Some great attendance prizes
- A great time.

Get your entry in early! All the details, with rules and entry form can be found at the below address (or check with Greg or Charlie at Clearwater).

<http://www.usmo.com/~4beaches/mibt2000.htm>

Hope to see you there!

Remember Our Sponsors!

As we move into the 2000 fishing season, don't forget those that sponsored our 1999 Hawg Hawlers Dinner Banquet with all the great prizes. Please do your best to support them this year.

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