

# Results & News - October 2003

## *2003 Annual Awards Dinner & Lake of the Ozarks – October 4/5, 2003*

### **2003 Annual Awards Dinner a Great Success!**

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Well, the 2003 Hawg Hawlers Awards Banquet held on October 4 &  
history. The 100+ people who attended will remember it for great  
great friends, great information, great entertainment, and some re  
great attendance prizes.

**Club Business:** The evening began with club president, Gary E  
welcoming club members, guests, and other dinner attendee's. G  
gave special thanks to Spaunhorst Catering, Washington Knights  
Columbus Hall, and our special guest speaker, Chad Brauer. Ga

thanked the officers and members of the  
club for 2003. Teddy Reim, the club  
treasurer gave a quick membership  
recap, and a summation of the treasury  
activity for 2003. Teddy also noted that we ha  
\$5,000.00 in attendance prizes to give away a

Awards Banquet. Tournament Chairperson, Donnie Eubanks, rec  
the Tournament Director responsibilities, and thanked all of the 2



Tournament Director volunteers.

**Year In Review:** Secretary Greg Heinz reviewed all the club tournaments for 2003. Plaques were presented to all of the 1st place teams for each tournament, as well as the Big Bass winners for each tournament.

**Big Bass of the Year:** Guest speaker, Chad Brauer, and last year's Big Bass winner, Brian Robinson, presented the 2003 Big Bass of the Year trophy to Scott Phelps, for his 6.80 lb bass, caught at Table Rock Lake in April of this year. Along with the traveling trophy, which he gets to keep for the upcoming year, Scott also received, a brand new G-Loomis, 6' 6" Med Hvy casting rod, and a plaque, to commemorate his achievement.



**Dinner:** Next, it was time for dinner. Spaunhorst Catering (1-800-2038), provided a very nice spread, as they have done for the past several years. All of the food was excellent, and everyone had plenty to eat.

**Chad Brauer Talk:** Chuck Beach, our Junior BASSMASTER representative, and 5 year member of the Hawg Hawlers Bass Club introduced our guest speaker, Chad Brauer. Chad gave a presentation on how he got started in professional fishing, and shared some of the personal experiences that he has been through. He also spoke on some of the advantages, and disadvantages, of



being the son of Denny Brauer, and following in "dad's" rather impressive footsteps. Chad spoke on the most common fish patterns on Lake of the Ozarks throughout a typical year. Chad's talk was very informative and very entertaining. He ended with a short Q & A session.

**2003 Recap:** We had a brief recap of the Hawg Hawlers Tournament of the Year. Each tournament was reviewed and plaques were presented to the 1st place finishers, and the Big Bass winners of each tournament. Their stories were shared also.

**Special Award:** There was a special "Close but NO Cigar" award (actually it was 3 separate certificates) presented to Donnie Eubank for finishing 2nd in the Big Bass competition at THREE different lakes. Donnie caught her personal best 5.14lb bass at Table Rock, only to finish 2nd to Scott's 6.80lb Big Bass of the Year. At Wappapello, she had a 3.71lb bass, which was .02



pounds behind CrankerFoot's (Rob Cook) 3.73lb winner. And las Truman, she had a 3.40lb bass which finished behind Mike McGr 4.49lb Big Bass. These certificates were presented in fun, and D accepted them in good humor.

**Club History:** The history of the club was reviewed briefly. The c displayed statistics from our first tournament in 1988, to the pres started out with 2 tournaments in 1988 with an average of 4 boat: tournament, and a total of TWO bass caught for the year. After 1 of tournaments, we had a 30 boat average, and over 1,000 fish w in, in 2003. Those are both records for the club. The \$12,000.00 money for 2003, and the \$5,000.00 in attendance prizes, brought total prizes (since the inception of the club) to over \$100,000. Pre impressive for a non-affiliated club that has no corporate sponsor

**Angler of the Year Award:** Chad Brauer, along with 2002 "Angler Year", Terry Stanek, presented the 2003 Angler of the Year Traveling Trophy to Dave Sona. Dave amassed some very impressive numbers in his win this year. He caught a record 44 fish in his quest for this title, eclipsing Bob Rays previous record of 38 fish, in 2001. In 2003 Dave had TWO 1st place finishes, ONE



second place finish, THREE third place finishes and ONE fourth finish, for a total of 7 times in the money, and lower than FOURTH place. Dave was also Tournament Director twice. His 153-point total points better than, two-time Angler of the Year Ray. Along with the Traveling Trophy, Dave w presented with a brand new G-Loomis, 6' 6" M casting rod, a plaque, and the 2003 Angler of the Year Jacket, to commemorate his achievement.



[note: Individual statistics for everyone in the club, for 2003, can l by [Clicking Here](#)]

**CrankerFoot Award:** It seemed appropriate that we present an c the one person in the club who took the most teasing during the y

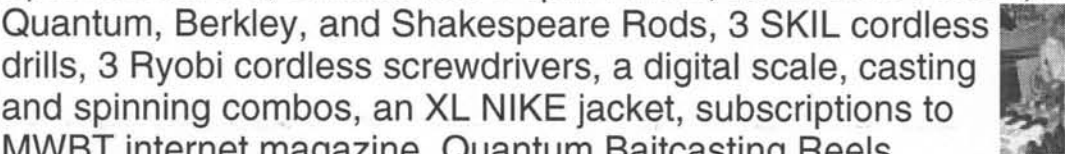
Rob Cook, has taken enough abuse this year to last next decade. He has been a gentleman throughout, and bears no ill-will toward anyone (I hope). For his unbelievably positive attitude,



Greg Heinz presented him with the CrankerFoot / Robblehead Award. Congratulations, Rob. We can only wait to s 2004 brings.

**2004 Officer Elections:** As customary at the Awards Banquet, we had our 2004 officer elections. And as equally customary there were several nominations from the floor. So, by acclamation, our 2004 officers were Gary Eubanks (pres), Greg Heinz (vp), Pam Wakim (sec), Teddy Eubanks (tres), Donnie Eubanks (TD), and Charlie Beach (webmaster).

**Attendance Prizes:** As mentioned earlier, we had over \$5,000.00 worth of attendance prizes to give away. These included a G-Loomis Spinnerbait Rod, Garmin 160 Depth Finder, Numerous Falcon, A Quantum, Berkley, and Shakespeare Rods, 3 SKIL cordless drills, 3 Ryobi cordless screwdrivers, a digital scale, casting and spinning combos, an XL NIKE jacket, subscriptions to MWBT internet magazine, Quantum Baitcasting Reels, SOSpenders, Bass Pro Shops gift certificates, Frogg Toggs Rain Gear, Shimano Curado Baitcasting Reel, Midland two-way radio, two 35mm cameras, over \$400.00 worth of lures, and many more. We also gave away a FREE YEAR of Hawg Hawlers that consisted of a 2004 membership, and tournament entries (for one individual) valued at \$240.00. Lastly, Chad brought a large box of Strike King lures that we gave away to all members who received an attendance prize.



**Grand Prize Raffle:** The Grand Prize Raffle was an individual given away on Lake of the Ozarks with our special guest for the evening Chad Brauer. Jennifer Fortel, who won the July Big Bass competition drew the lucky winners name...Scott Hasty. Scott and Chad exchanged phone numbers and hopefully we will get a report on when this event takes place, and the results.



Chad also brought another prize that was given away after the grand awards. Chad didn't tell us what it was, so no one knew what it was. Jennifer drew Brian Walker as the second lucky winner of the evening. The surprise prize was a collection of Wheaties Boxes (in the flat), that were autographed by Denny Brauer. A very nice addition to the evening's awards from the Brauers - thanks a ton Chad!



Denny!

**Summary:** I don't think anyone would disagree, that this was the best Hawg Hawler Awards Banquet that we have ever had. A guest speaker

who enlightened us with some Lake of the Ozarks information and great stories, a great meal, some Annual Awards that were well deserved, some “good natured” awards, some recent history and of past years Hawg Hawler achievements, and generally a great time with a great bunch of club members.

The officers would like to extend a tremendous THANK YOU to a club supporters, as well as Spaunhorst Catering, Knights of Colu Hall, guest speaker - Chad Brauer, and all of the Hawg Hawler C members.

Without the members, there is no Hawg Hawlers Bass Club. You know this club what it is....

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Hawg Hawlers Dinner Group

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