

## Results & News - August 2007

### Mark Twain Lake - 8/11-12

Written by Greg Shands, 2007 Vice President  
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#### **HOT! HOT! HOT!**

That's the best way to describe this last tournament and I don't mean the fishing. With temps over 100 degrees both days, it was hard to stay focused on catching fish. Twenty boats managed to find 34 fish for a total weight of 85.95 pounds. On a positive note, this tournament did make new history, with the all girl team of Wakim and Sullivan taking fourth place honors. This was the first time a female team finished in the money, weighing in three fish (two for Pam and one for Terri) for a total weight of 7.35 pounds. Keep an eye on these two. If they keep fishing together they're going to become a good team and a team to watch out for.

First place went to Steve (Sneaky Fox) Carnal and Paul Boehme with five fish weighing 16.97 pounds. They said they used Brush hogs and Big ugly worms. I think they are using dynamite myself.

Second place winners were Bill Scheller and Russ Grobe. They also had five fish, which went 10.98 on the scales. Spinner baits and Finesse worms worked for them.

Third place was Paul French and Kevin Miller with four fish weighing 7.98 pounds. They reported using Green Pumpkin Grubs.

Other winners were: Fourth place, Pam Wakim and Terri Sullivan; Fifth place, Scott Hasty and Brian Spurell; Sixth place, Terry Stanek and Bob Treadway.

### **Congratulations to all the winners.**

#### **Big Bass for Saturday**

Big bass on Saturday went to Jim McPeak with a 3.95 pounder. He said he caught it on a watermelon colored worm.

#### **Big Bass for Sunday**

Big bass on Sunday went to Paul Boehme with a 4.88 pounder. Paul stated he used a Big ugly worm to catch his fish. He also got the side pot of \$100.00. I guess

I should mention that Paul's partner also had a bass that weighed 4.48 pounds.

### **AOY**

The top ten ranking didn't change much. Scott Hasty moved up to tie Brian Roberson for third place and Terry Stanek passed Jim Evers to take over eighth place. As it stands now:

1. Dave Sona 132 points
2. Bryan Walker 122 points
3. Scotty Hasty 115 points
3. Brian Robinson 115 points
5. Greg Shands 106 points
6. Ken Jones 102 points
7. Andy Shands 94 points
8. Terry Stanek 87 points
9. Jim Evers 83 points
10. Dean Sullivan 80 points

### **Classic Eligibility**

The Hawg Hawlers Classic will be the 6th of October on Truman Lake. Remember, to be eligible you must have fished at least five regular season tournaments. This will be a one day tournament with 100% pay out. There is a \$60 entry fee, \$50 of which goes to places and \$10 goes for Big Bass. Only first, second, and third places will receive checks.

Example: based on 20 boats

20 boats x \$60 entry = \$1200.00

1st place = \$500.00

2nd place = \$300.00

3rd place = \$200.00

Big Bass = \$200.00

Total payout = \$1200.00

No Angler of the year points will be awarded for this tournament. Plaques for the Classic Champs and Classic Big Bass will be presented at the Awards Dinner. Officers have sold over \$600 worth of Classic 50/50 Raffle tickets so the prize pot is now over \$300. If you would like to purchase or sell tickets, please contact one of your Officers. Thanks to our 50/50 Raffle sales and a generous donation from Jones Tackle Service (THANKS KEN!!), there will be some nice attendance prizes awarded at the Classic, including a new G-Loomis rod. We are now accepting entries for the Classic Tournament (be sure to mark "Classic" on your entry form). There are currently 24 members who are now eligible to fish the Classic.

### **Next Tournament**

Our next tournament will be held at Pomme de Terre on September 8-9, 6:30 to 12:30 both days. Take out and weigh in will be at the State Park Marina. Tournament directors will be: Saturday – Greg Hoch and partner; Sunday – Shands and Shands.

### **2008 OFFICERS**

During the month of August, Hawg Hawlers accepts nominations for new club Officers. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please contact one of the 2007 Officers. All nominees will be contacted on September 1st.

Unopposed offices are approved. Any opposed offices will be filled by popular vote via the website or direct mailings. If you would like more information about duties for each Officer position, you can view the Club By-Laws on our website (under the Membership tab).

## **From Cuz's Boat**

By Greg Shands

Have you ever noticed how much easier it is to catch fish on Friday while you're

pre-fishing than during tournament hours? I honestly think that the fish know what day of the week it is and they go on a feeding frenzy right before the weekend. Think about it: Monday through Friday there is just a hand full of boats out at 5:30 am.-6:00 a.m., but come Saturday morning, 500 boats are racing every direction across the lake and the sound of a thousand lures hit the water. It must sound like a war zone to the fish. Just like deer through deer season, the fish learn by the end of summer to stay hidden out during the weekend and only venture out of their hide outs when it's all quiet.

And what about lures? You know that by the end of the summer every fish in the lake has seen every lure on the market at least a dozen times. I remember when Buzz baits first came out. You could use one at Wapp. and catch a fish on every cast. It didn't even have to have a skirt on it, just as long as it made the clak-clak-clak sound. Now if you throw one, it has to be just the right color and have just the right sound and then bites come few and far between.

Now creature baits are the hot new item. What's up with that? Is it a crawdad or a lizard or maybe it's just something new? They say that all the little arms and paddles send out vibrations which attract the bass. But why is it when the bite gets tough, you're supposed to go to a small do nothing worm, like the ones our grandfathers used fifty plus years ago? And have you noticed that the rubber frog is making a come back? With all the knowledge and techniques at our finger tips you would think we could develop an artificial bait that would be able to catch a fish on every cast. It's funny because what seems to work the best when the bite gets tough is the baits that were first designed to catch bass years ago. So the next time the fish stop biting, dig down past the hundreds of bags of plastic baits, past all the fancy crank baits, to that dark moldy corner of your tackle box that you haven't seen in ten years and get out one of those lures you've had since you were a kid. Remember to put on new hooks and hang on.