

LAKE OF THE OZARKS

OCTOBER 4 – 5, 2008

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Perfect weather welcomed the Hawg Hawlers to the final tournament of the year. It's a shame that the fish didn't act the same way. 11 boats managed to find a total of only 53 fish. And one boat had 19 of the 53 fish. Bryan Walker and Bill Sheller had the only limits with Bryan having a limit both days.



Obviously First Place went to Bryan Walker and Bill Sheller with 19 fish weighing in at 29.22 pounds. Which by the way that weight puts them in 7th place with the all time heaviest weight. Something else worth mentioning is that Bryan and partner have won this tournament 4 out of the last 5 years. In the past Bryan always said he used a secret bait but this year he said they used swim baits to amass their catch. Good job guys.



Second Place went to Mike Parmentier and Larry Rutledge with 6 fish weighing 15.46 pounds Buzz baits and brush hogs worked for them.



Third Place goes to Lori Luzynski and Terry Stanek. They had 9 fish which weighed 13.50 pounds. Lori had a nice 3.90 kicker on Saturday. Shallow running crank baits were their bait of choice.



Fourth Place was Greg and Andy Shands with 6 fish that weighed 10.54 pounds. Andy had a 3.10 pounder which helped push their way into the money. Flukes and a brush hog worked for them.



Big Bass for Saturday was Lori Luzynski's 3.90 pounder which she caught on a shallow crank bait. Lori's bass was also big bass for the weekend.



Big Bass for Sunday was Andy Shands' 3.10 pounder that he caught on, you guessed it, a brush hog.

NAME	Creel		Big Bass		Weight		PEN	Totl Wt	Place
	SAT	SUN	SAT	SUN	SAT	SUN			
BRYAN WALKER	5	5			13.52	15.95		29.22	1
BILL SCHELLER	4	5							
MIKE PARMENTIER	1	2			10.51	3.95		15.46	2
LARRY RUTLEDGE	3	0							
LORI LUZYNSKI	4	1	3.9		9.93	3.57		13.5	3
TERRY STANEK	2	2							
GREG SHANDS	2	3			2.85	7.69		10.54	4
ANDY SHANDS	0	1	3.1						
PAM WAKIM	1	2			4.78	5.4		10.18	5
BOB TREADWAY	1	2							
KEN JONES	1	0			3.59	1.03		4.62	6
JASON JONES	0	1							
JEFF SCHWENT	2	0			4.58	0		4.58	7
AMY SCHWENT	0	0							
TEDDY REIM	2	0			2.4	0		2.4	8
CHRIS BERGMAN	0	0							
BOB SNELL	1	0			2.03		2	0.03	9
TED REIM	0	0			0	0		0	10
GARY REIM	0	0							
GREG SCHWENT	0	0			0	0		0	11

DORIS SCHWENT	0	0							
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Big Bass of the Year

Well it's all over for this year and it looks like Dave Jett's 5.95 pound bass he caught at the April Ozark tournament has held for the year.

Congratulations Dave

2008 TOP TEN ANGLERS

- 10. WARREN LICHIOUS – 60 POINTS
- 9. DEAN SULLIVAN – 78 POINTS
- 8. TOM O'CONNOR – 79 POINTS
- 7. BOB TREADWAY – 90 POINTS
- 6. MIKE PARMENTIER – 90 POINTS
- 5. GREG SHANDS – 103 POINTS
- 4. ANDY SHANDS – 112
- 3. PAM WAKIM – 115 POINTS
- 2. TERRY STANEK – 117 POINTS

Congratulations to the Top Ten Winners



Angler of the Year

Okay, I know 4 people who can all start breathing again. This was the closest race for Angler of the year with the most people in it I know of. It came right down to the wire and the last day of the last tournament of the year. Going in to the tournament Pam had a 2 point lead over Andy and Andy had a 1 point lead over Terry who had a 2 point lead over Lori. On Saturday Lori came to the scales with 4 fish, one which made Big Bass for Saturday. Terry had 2 fish , Pam had 1 and Andy came up empty handed. The stage was definitely set for Sunday's finale.

On Sunday Terry had 2 fish, Lori had 1 fish and was turning blue from holding her breath as Pam and Andy each came to the scales. Pam had 2 fish and Andy had 1. It is official now **LORI LUZYNSKI** is the 2008 Angler of the Year and the first woman to receive this award in Hawg Hawlers history.

Congratulations Lori on a Great Year

Hawg Hawlers Awards Dinner

This years award banquet will be held Sunday Oct. 26 from 12.00pm to 4.00pm at Andre's, 4254 Telegraph Road, St Louis MO 63129. Awards will be presented for 1st Place and Big Bass for each tournament, Top Ten Anglers, Big Bass of the Year and Angler of the Year. Remember all members who fished 2 or more tournaments are eligible to attend free and qualify for the attendance prize drawings.

If you have not mailed in your RSVP, please do so by Oct 12
OR if you are planning to attend or contact any of the club officers.

You can find directions to Andre's and the RSVP form on the clubs More Stuff page. www.hawghawlers.com/dinner.htm



FROM CUZ'S BOAT

Well the season is all but over with and Cuz is looking forward to a vacation down on the border for some real bass fishin', where 6 pounders are a dime a dozen. But first let's look back at this years memorable events.

The first outing was at LOZ where it was sooooo cold that the fish were too froze to bite. I do remember two things about this tournament, first being my partner balled up in the bottom of the boat crying 'cause it was so cold. Second thing was when I hooked what I thought was the big bass of the year only to see a 10 pound drum come rolling up to the boat.

Next tournament was back to LOZ again in April, where everyone thought they would catch a boat load of fish...WRONG !!!! Again Cuz remembers 2 things, both happening to one angler. Sorry Greg Schwent, but you did manage to catch the biggest catfish of the year, and oh yea, any trouble remembering gas for the boat since that tournament?

On to Table Rock where Pam and Dan spanked the pants off everyone with their large bag of small mouths. I also remember that my partner made spectacular netting. See, I had caught a nice spot behind a log but couldn't pull the fish over it. As Andy leaned out over the front of the boat, the boat suddenly moved backwards. As he netted the fish, he also stepped right out of the boat. Somehow he managed to keep his balance on the log and keep the fish in the net, which I promptly took from him leaving him stranded on the log.

May was at Pomme but old Cuz was giving away BBQ sandwiches for his church.

June was at Mark Twain and even though Greg Hoch would probably like to forget this tournament, I have to ask one question here, Andrew does the new rod and reel

catch fish as good as the one of yours that Dad lost? I know he bought you a replacement.

I also remember me losing a pair of high dollar pliers trying to get a .50 cent hook out of a very ticked off 20 pound snapping turtle which Andy had caught.

The Dog days of July found us at Wappapello, but Cuz had a family reunion to go to and wasn't there. Instead, he spent the weekend with his Dad, Grandpa, uncle and half brother. Me and him sat around the campfire and told big fishin' tails. (Did you all catch that?)

Pomme was the place to be for the August T and it seemed that trouble followed us to the lake as nearly everyone had some sort of problem. From trailer tires to trolling motor, livewell pumps and fish finders, if it could break, it did.

Next up was Table Rock again for a first time fall fishing. I think the tournament would have been a good one if the hurricane had stayed down south where hurricanes are suppose to be. 5 boats were sunk and two anglers were thrown around in a truck camper. Terri Sullivan managed to weigh in the largest rock ever weighed in at a Hawg Hawler's tournament.

Now, last up was the tournament that decided who would get to be crowned the 2008 Angler of the Year. I think this was the first time in club history that 4 anglers were neck and neck with only 5 points between them all.

THE LAKE: LAKE OF THE OZARK
WEATHER: CLOUD COVER IN THE MORNINGS GIVING WAY TO BLUE BIRD SKIES FOR THE REST OF THE DAY WITH A SLIGHT BREEZE
THE ANGLERS Pam Wakim with 103 pts.
Andy Shands with 101 pts
Terry Stanek with 100 pts.
Lori Luzynski with 98 pts.

What can I say? It's always easier to go up the ladder than to stay balanced at the top. And if you can't stay on top there is only one way to go.

There may be only one angler taking home the trophy but, in my book, we are all anglers of the year for having the pleasure to know each other and the opportunity to fish and share our stories together.

If you are a fellow angler who is looking for a club to fish with where fun and the opportunity to learn different techniques are shared, then check out HAWG HAWLERS BASS CLUB next year.

This is Old Cuz signing off for the 2008 season but I hope to see you all come spring.

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