



HAWG HAWLER NEWS – FEBRUARY 2009

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Well, it's been a long winter and it's probably safe to say everyone has cabin fever. It's time to uncover the boats, spool the reels and load the tackle. Less than 4 weeks away, back by popular demand, Clearwater is right around the corner.

Clearwater - First Tournament for 2009

Our first tournament (one day) is at Clearwater Lake on Saturday, March 14th 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Take-off and weigh-in will be held at Piedmont Park Marina. Please note that the club length limit for this lake is 10". Hawg Hawlers Bass Club recommends that all participants wear a serviceable U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device at all times during tournament hours.

Directions: Take 55 south to 67. Go south on 67 to Hwy. 34. Take Hwy. 34 west to Piedmont, go through Piedmont and take a right on HH, that will take you to the lake. (Don't go across the dam.) Launch at Piedmont Park ramp. The tournament is out of Piedmont Park Marina, which will be to your right by water as you leave the ramp. During the normal season there is a ramp fee but typically this time of the year, they do not collect. Please be sure to check upon arrival at the station at the entrance of the park.

Here are:

The Top Ten Reasons You Should Fish Clearwater

- Number 10** - The tournament is only for one day (no overnight stays to pay for).
- Number 9** - It's a great opportunity to shake out problems with the boat.
- Number 8** - You'll be seeing friends that you haven't seen all winter.
- Number 7** - The club's two biggest bass weights ever recorded (7.96 lb. and 7.74 lb.) were caught in March 2004 ... At Clearwater!
- Number 6** - The length limit is only 10" (and culling is allowed)!
- Number 5** - Gas should still be reasonable at less than \$5.00 a gallon.
- Number 4** - What else have you got to do in the middle of March?
- Number 3** - A chance to see if that new reel you got for Christmas will actually cast 25% farther!
- Number 2** - The Ground Hog saw his shadow ... only 6 more weeks of good fishing! (or something like that).

And the Number One reason you should fish Clearwater (drum roll please)

If you don't go, the weather will be fantastic!!!!!!!!!!

Clearwater History

2006

1 st Place – Mike Parmetier/Larry Rutledge	4 fish	6.87 lbs.	Green pumpkin brush hogs
2 nd Place – Ted Reim/Teddy Reim	2 fish	6.30 lbs.	Crawdad wiggle warts
3 rd Place – Dave Sona/Neil Volkmann	5 fish	5.58 lbs.	Watermelon brush hogs
Big Bass – Teddy Reim		6.04 lbs.	

2005

1 st Place – Chuck Elders	4 fish	10.52 lbs.	Own homemade jigs
2 nd Place – Russ Grobe/Bill Scheller	3 fish	6.90 lbs.	Brown jigs
3 rd Place – Bryan Walker/Jim Fanter	3 fish	6.08 lbs.	Texas craw colored jigs
Big Bass – Chuck Elders		5.45 lbs.	

2004

1 st Place – Dave Sona/Neil Volkmann	10 fish	14.89 lbs.	Brush hogs & hula grubs
2 nd Place – Scott Hasty/Rob Cook	7 fish	12.44 lbs.	Rat-L-Traps
3 rd Place – Ed & July Fileccia	5 fish	10.25 lbs.	Red Wiggle Warts
Big Bass and Club Record – Josh Zelnis		7.96 lbs.	
Honorable Mention – Dave Sona		7.74 lbs.	

Annual Memorial Tournament

As you know, the first tournament of each year is designated our “Memorial Tournament” in honor of those Hawg Hawlers that have passed before us. Although we hope that each and every one of you can join us for this tournament and share in our moment of reflection, we realize that many of you won’t be able to. For those of you that can’t make the tournament, we ask that you take a brief moment in your life and offer this simple prayer:

Fisherman’s Prayer

*God grant that I may live to fish,
Until my dying day,
And when it comes to my last cast,
I then most humbly pray,
When in the Lord’s safe landing net,
I’m peacefully asleep,
That in his mercy I be judged,
As big enough to keep.*

Club Discounts/Giveaways

Just a “friendly reminder”, please don’t forget to mention you’re a Hawg Hawler when booking your rooms.

Holiday Hideaway (TR) – Carl & Sue have offered our members a \$30/night/person rate which includes your boat slip and sales tax. They have also graciously given us a voucher for a free night for one person – value \$30. This will be given out at our Clearwater tournament.

Nemo’s Bridge Resort (POM) – Shelly has offered us last year’s room rate of \$55 per night (this year’s rate has increased to \$65). She has also graciously given us a voucher for a one night free room – value \$55. This will be given out at our Table Rock tournament.

Southfork (MT) – Mary has donated one free motel room – value \$49.95

Junction (MT) – Janet has donated one free motel room – value \$57.00 – for June tournament and one free motel room – value \$57.00 – for Sept. tournament. These will be given out at our Pomme tournaments.

Osage Bluff Lodge (TRU) – Wes has offered our members a 10% off total stay discount to everyone as long as we book more than 10 rooms.

Runaway II (LOZ) - Burt has agreed to a negotiated rate of \$35/person/night and \$10/boat slip/night. (Normal bass club rate is \$40/person/night and \$12/boat slip/night).

All of these resorts can be found on the "Supporter" page of our website. We want to thank them for supporting Hawg Hawlers. With the economy as it is, we know it's difficult for them to continue to offer discounts and giveaways. We will continue to work throughout the year to add to this list of supporters to help our members in this economy as well.

Additional Club Business

The Club Officers will be at Bass Pro Shops on Saturday, Feb. 28th to promote the HH Bass Club. In order to generate additional funds for our annual banquet, we will also be raffling a tackle bag with lots of goodies!! Please be sure to stop by and see us on the 28th!!

Please make sure to send in your membership forms and entry fees to Dan Durbin. Entry fees must be received by Dan the Wednesday before each tournament or late fees will be assessed at the lake. Another reminder, the optional Big Bass Sidepot of \$10 per boat can also be included in your entry fee.

Notice: Tournament Directors needed!! It's your chance to give something back to the club. Pretty easy piece of work for 3 points (max. of 3 points per angler, per year). All you have to do is be available 30 mins. before takeoff each day, conduct live well checks and hand out boat numbers. Get your picks for T.D. in early by notifying Dean or Ken. (tc1@hawghawlers.com or tc2@hawghawlers.com)

About Hawg Hawlers

Our mission:

- provide a source of safe, friendly, affordable bass fishing competition
- promote adherence to Conservation Codes
- stimulate awareness of the sport of bass fishing
- improve our skills as bass anglers through friendly exchange of tips and techniques

We as officers and members of this club take these words very seriously. This is what our club stands for. Let's have a great 2009!! We hope to see all of you at our tournaments and hope we can maybe break some old records and make some new records this year. Good fishing and see you at Clearwater!!