

RESULTS & NEWS – AUGUST 2009

Pomme de Terre Lake – August 15-16, 2009

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Location: Pomme de Terre State Park Marina

Time: Sat: 6:00 AM – 12:00 PM Sun: 6:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Lake Conditions: Clear to Stained

Lake Level: 839 (Normal 839)

Water Temp: 83

Air Temp: Saturday – low 90's / Sunday – mid 80's

Weather: Saturday – Sunny / Sunday – Sunny to partly cloudy (Some got a bit wet the last ½ hour!)

Winds: Saturday 10mph / Sunday 15-20mph

16 boats turned out at Pomme de Terre Lake. A total of 64 fish were brought to the scales. (Imagine how many fish would have been brought to the scales if it were an 11" or 12" length limit!!)

Tournament Results



GREG AND ANDY SHANDS MIKE PARMENTIER AND LARRY RUTLEDGE TAKE THE WIN WITH 7 FISH

WEIGHING 9.53 LBS. Well, only having 2 fish on Saturday, Mike and Larry had a great day on Sunday adding 5 more to their bag!! They reported catching their fish on Green Pumpkin Brush Hogs and Wave Worms. They took home \$162.00 for first place. Great job guys!!



Second place was Terry Stanek and Lori Luzynski. They had a total of 6 fish weighing 7.88 lbs. They reported catching their fish on Chartreuse Crankbaits and Green Pumpkin Brush Hogs. They took home \$128.00.



Third place was Mike and Brian Jankowski. They had a total of 6 fish weighing 7.69 lbs. They reported catching their fish on Green Pumpkin Worms and Chartreuse Spinnerbaits. They took home \$94.00.

Fourth place was Ken and Gwen McNeil. They had a total of 4 fish weighing 6.60 lbs. They reported catching their fish on Buzzbaits and Crankbaits. They took home \$68.00.

Fifth place was Scott and Duane Noyes. They had a total of 5 fish weighing 6.41 lbs. They reported catching their fish on Jigs and Worms. They took home \$52.00.

(Greg and Andy decided to take a break this tournament – LOL)



BIG BASS for Saturday goes to Ken McNeil with 2.01 lbs. He reported catching it on a Buzzbait. He collected a check for \$60.00. Great job Ken!!



BIG BASS for Sunday goes to Sam Boehme with her nice 4.74 lb. fish. She reported catching it on a Green Pumpkin Brush Hog. She also reported that this was her biggest bass ever!! Awesome job Sam!! She collected a check for \$60.00 in addition to the side pot of \$80.00. Great job again Sam!!

Honorable mentions:

Sunday: Tim Dring 3.88 lbs. and Rich Weber 3.68 lbs.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners!!

(See complete tournament results below.)

Giveaways

This tournament we gave away 2 free boat slips for the State Park Marina. The lucky winners were Ken Jones and Gwen McNeil. The State Park Marina also gave 2 - \$14.00 gas vouchers. John Salvo and Steve Carnal were the lucky winners of that. We also gave away some certificates for our next tournament at Mark Twain. The first certificate was for a one night free stay for one member at South Fork Resort. The lucky winner was Lori Luzynski. The second certificate was for a one night free stay for one member at The Junction. The lucky winner for this was Tim Dring. Congrats to Ken, Gwen, John, Steve, Lori and Tim!! (Note: Pomme State Park Marina, The Junction and Southfork Resort has given us donations for both tournaments this year. A BIG thanks to the State Park Marina, The Junction and Southfork Resort for their contributions!!)

A special prize was awarded to the lowest weight on Saturday – a Lucky’s Restaurant \$20.00 gift certificate. Congrats to Tim Dring and Bill Fahy who won this with Tim’s .94 lb fish!! Woo Hoo!!! (This is also the second certificate that Lucky’s has given. Thanks Lucky’s!!)

Special Thanks To:

A special thanks goes out to our Tournament Directors Pam Wakim and Terri Sullivan and Ken Jones and Bob Treadway.

Who’s New ?

Welcome new and past returning member Andrew Hoch, Tim Dring and Bill Fahy. Glad to have you aboard!!

Club Business

If you ever thought about being a club officer, now is the time to think about it seriously. This is your opportunity to be an integral part of this great club and give something back to it and its members. Anyone interested in being an officer, should take a look at the officer duties (see Article III of the Bylaws) for the various positions, so you will know what is involved and what is expected of you. If you are interested in nominating yourself or another member for an officer position, please let one of the officers know.

Our annual Awards Dinner this year is Sunday, October 25th at Andre's Banquet Center (<http://www.andresbanquet.com>) All members, family and friends are welcome. Members that have fished a minimum of 2 tournaments this year are eligible for free dinner and attendance prizes. Guests or members with less than 2 tournaments attending are \$10 each person. The agenda and the form you need to fill out can be found on our website under "More Stuff" and then "Club Awards Dinner". You can mail this form into Dan Durbin or present it to one of the officers at the Mark Twain or Lake of the Ozarks tournament. There are lots of great attendance prizes so we hope you will all join us for this exciting event!! (Note: Please RSVP by Oct. 11th)

Memorable Moments.....



Greg Heinz... My partner and I were fishing a Hawg Hawler Tournament on Truman Lake back in the 90's. It was a calm morning with little wind. We were in a quiet cove tossing worms at the shoreline. I saw what looked like a deer come out of the edge of the woods. As it made its way toward the water, I noticed that it was too short for a deer, and the body was larger. Then I saw the tail and realized that it was a mountain lion. Up to that point, I didn't know that there were mountain lions in Missouri. But I can definitely tell you that there is at least one. I quietly got the attention of my partner and we watched silently as the big cat slowly lumbered toward the water. My camera was under the seat, and any movement would have startled her away. We just stood there motionless on the deck of my boat. She walked about 40 feet to the edge of the lake and took a long drink. She never took her eyes off of us, and our eyes never left her. When she was finished, she turned around and slowly walked back into the woods. I did not get a photo of this 'once in a lifetime' occurrence, but I can tell you that those 90 seconds, on that day, on Truman Lake, will live with me forever. Greg

Hawg Hawler Accomplishments:

Here is an article from April 1995 that proved quite an accomplishment!! You should be proud Teddy!! (And a white spinnerbait – imagine that!!) (Today, still holds 2nd place Biggest Bass in History) **Gene Reim....**



NEW RECORD BASS !!!

The BIG BASS at Lake of the Ozarks was no ordinary BIG BASS. It was the largest BIG BASS in club history, at a whopping 7.40 pounds. Yes, it even surpassed the 7.00 pound monster that Ron LaGarce caught last year at Clearwater. This amazing feat was accomplished by Mr. Gene Reim.....angler extraordinaire! Gene caught the new HAWG HAWLER CLUB RECORD just after takeoff, Sunday morning. Gene says that all those fast bass boats were running up and down the lake, wasting valuable early morning fishing time. Gene and brother Ted went across the river and were fishing within sight of the take off area. Gene's double willow leaf white spinnerbait was being retrieved near a dock when the fish hit. With no net, brother Ted's thumb came into play to get the fish in the boat. Congratulations, Gene on the new Hawg Hawler Club Record Bass. (*note: on the very next cast Gene caught a 2.5 pound Walleye, but Ted didn't lip that one*)



Did you know.....

We all want to know what people catch their fish on. That's the #1 question people ask. We try to list this information in our newsletters. Of all the baits, new and old, look back at some of the tournament results, even in this newsletter. What's one of the most common lures: The Baby Brush Hog. Here's some history on this popular bait:

A flexible mutant creature bait, the popular Zoom Baby Brush Hog

Introduction: More and more anglers across the country are reporting success with baits that look nothing like any one type of prey. These "freak" baits sport paddles, extra tails, and mutant appendages. Zoom was one of the very first manufacturers of these creature baits and we examine the veteran Baby Brush Hog to see what makes this mutated lure a favorite among bass fishermen.

Impressions: Tournament pros and weekend warriors alike continue to use creature baits for landing bass under a variety of situations. While not the prettiest baits, freak lures like Zoom's Baby Brush Hog continue to deliver. Why would such an unrealistic lure that doesn't really look like any one type of bait work so well? We chose to review Zoom's Brush Hog because Edward Chambers at Zoom was the original inventor of the "freak bait." When originally designed Chambers sought to design a plastic bait that wouldn't go straight down like a jig. There are a variety of ways to rig and fish the Baby Brush Hog and we take a look at this flexible lure to see just what makes this mutant so successful.

What the heck is the Brush Hog actually supposed to be?

The Design: Looking more like a mutant hybrid than any natural bait the Brush Hog sports appendages from head to toe. With a bullet like head similar to a Gitzit, the body has looped arms, paddles, and twin tails. Anglers have called the Brush Hog a cross between a snake and a frog, or a crayfish and a worm. The Baby Brush hog's flattened appendages and increased bulk make it thicker and more buoyant. So the bait seems to glide downwards rather than just falling down sharply. This characteristic makes it a favorite for pitching and flipping.

Flipping and Pitching: When I first started using the Zoom Baby Brush Hogs I remember describing them as "souped up lizards." Due to their design they are perfect for flipping and pitching into heavy cover. Dropping them directly over targets the Baby Brush Hogs can often entice strikes as they slowly sink down to the ground. The paddles on the back of the lure offer more resistance slowing down the drop as well as making the drop more erratic and lifelike. I'm not sure exactly what Bass think the Brush Hog is when they encounter it. Perhaps fish see it as a worm, lizard, or possibly even a crawfish. Whatever the case, bass will strike this lure if you have the patience to flip and pitch the lure in and around structure. I have had great success tossing it rigged weedless near tules. Just remember that this technique is best suited for a 7'6" flipping rod for the most accuracy, preferably a rod with plenty of muscle to tow fish out from snag city.

Texas Rigging: Texas rigging the Zoom Brush Hog seems like the most natural way to fish this lure. During all the tests I ran the bait with Gamakatsu 3/0 wide gap rubber worm hooks. While the hook may seem large for the lure it works well by positioning the hook-point directly in the center of the lure. With the Baby Brush Hog being a relatively small creature bait I was very comfortable in my tests to run the hog with 12lb Trilene Big Game. If you were to use any larger brush hog you should consider moving up to heavier line. While some of the editors opted for split shotting, I prefer screw in 5/16 oz bullet weights which help keep the brush hog's head down and snag free.

Carolina Rigging: Ironically the Baby Brush Hog was developed to be a Carolina Rigged lure by Zoom. Today many anglers are once again rigging the lure Carolina style to offer a new presentation to fish. I have had much more success fishing the Baby Brush Hog Carolina rigged than any of the larger sizes. This is probably because I find it much easier to drag and finesse the smaller sized lures across the lake bottom. Because the lure has so many arms and flippers it can be worked slowly emitting a great deal of sound and vibration for a soft plastic lure.

Modifying: During our tests we found that the baby brush hog sometimes got more hits when damaged. For the longest time this continued to perplex us. The answer we would find was in the preference of the fish. One of the best things about this lure is the ability to be customized by anglers to match the interests of the local fish. I found that if the water is muddy it is best to leave all the appendages on the lure, and even possibly split the paddles with a knife to increase vibration and movement. For clear calm water a subtle presentation seemed to work better and I found cutting off the paddle appendages made the lure less intimidating to fish. Sometimes a slight modification seems to drive bass wild.

One problem I encountered was snagging on branches with the closed looped arms. To counter this I would cut the arms to separate them from the body. Doing this I even had success with the open arms while rigging the Brush Hog weightless wacky style and letting it drop very slowly near structure.

Conclusion: Zoom has created one of the longest lasting plastics in terms of popularity, and with good reason. The Zoom Brush Hog is among the most versatile plastics in terms of design and application. It is almost as much fun to modify the bait for your fishing as it is to flip this mutant into structure and be rewarded with a tug of war with a bass out of snag infested waters. Though anglers may never fully agree what makes this freak bait so enticing to bass, but whether your preference is fishing Texas or Carolina style the Zoom Baby Brush Hog can be an effective lure to add to your arsenal.

A review from the staff of www.tacklefour.com

Next Tournament

Our next tournament will be at **Mark Twain Lake** – Highway U Ramp

Date: Sat. Sept. 12th: 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM and Sun. Sept. 13th: 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Directions: Hwy. 61 north to Bowling Green, Hwy. 154 west (careful driving thru Curryville, speed and other traffic regulations are STRICTLY enforced.) About 7 miles west of Curryville, take Hwy. 154 west to Hwy. 19. Take Hwy. 19 north (right) to Hwy. 154 west (again). Go thru Perry. Turn north (right) on 107. Turn left on Highway U. The ramp is ¼ mile on your right.

Tournament Directors: We're still in need of tournament directors. Please let Ken Jones or Dean Sullivan know if you are interested.

Mark Twain Lake History

Note: Only one time in the past several years was Mark Twain fished a second time in one year.

2007 (Aug.)

1st Place – Steve Carnal/Paul Boehme, 5 fish, 16.97 lbs., Brush Hogs and Big Ugly Worms

2nd Place – Bill Scheller/Russ Grobe, 5 fish, 10.98 lbs., Spinnerbaits and Finesse Worms

3rd Place – Paul French/Kevin Miller, 4 fish, 7.98 lbs., Green Pumpkin Grubs

Big Bass – Paul Boehme, 4.88 lbs., Big Ugly Worm (That's what it said!!)

A Story From the Past.....

(aug '97 - submitted by a member who wishes to remain anonymous) Fish story of the weekend involved a 5lb drum, a club members' thumb, and something dumb. The angler with the thumb was unhooking the drum, and trying to hold the drum with his thumb. The drum decided to flop, thus catching the thumb. The drum fell off the excaliber treble hook as the thumb was being connected to it. For just an instant though, the drum and the thumb and the excaliber treble hook were all one. The thumb thought, 'Boy, this was dumb' (his partner agreed). Thank goodness the hook came out of the drum as it entered the thumb. The drum didn't seem much the worse for wear, but the thumb still looks like a plumb. I will keep from embarrassing the thumb owner, but I will say that it hurts every time the space bar is hit.



10 Commandments of Fishing...

1. Fish are easy to catch; finding them is thy hard problem.
2. Lures do not catch fish; fishermen accomplish that task.
3. Be not ye a contributor to the Kingdom of 'Magic' Lures, for they are mostly false prophets who only strive to get thy dollar.
4. Depth and speed are thy main directives; let colors, advertising hype and brand names not deceive thee.
5. They that talk the most, usually catch the least (sorta reminds us of high school days!!).
6. Yea, though I snag the big one, my line and my knot comfort me; for they, not thy rod and reel, are thy REAL links to that trophy; covet them as you would your wife.
7. Dry lures catch few fish.
8. Thy kill switch shall comfort thee all the days of thy boating.
9. Lie not about fishing, for there are enough for all.
10. Teach a child to fish and ye shall be rich beyond thy wildest dreams.

If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles!!

Big Bass to Date: Terry Stanek 6.17 lbs.

Point Standings to Date: Andy Shands: 194 points

Only 2 tournaments left – Just a reminder, there are 10 tournaments this year. Angler of the Year points are based on your best 9 tournaments. (If you fish all 10 tournaments, your worst point tournament will be dropped.) That could change the standings!!

HAWG HAWLERS WEIGH IN DATA SHEET													
LAKE:		POMME DE TERRE LAKE			DATE:		15-Aug-09						
SATURDAY					SUNDAY			TOURNAMENT TOTALS					
BOAT #	TEAM MEMBERS	# OF FISH	WEIGHT	BIG BASS	# OF FISH	WEIGHT	BIG BASS	# OF FISH	TOTAL FISH	TOTAL WEIGHT	PLACE		
4	Mike Parmentier	1	2.47		2	7.06		3	7	9.53	1		
	Larry Rutledge	1		3	4								
5	Terry Stanek	1	2.28		3	5.60		4	6	7.88	2		
	Lori Luzynski	1		1	2								
10	Mike Jankowski	2	3.06		0	4.63		2	6	7.69	3		
	Brian Jankowski	1		3	4		2.56						
8	Ken McNeil	4	6.60	2.01	0	0.00		4	4	6.60	4		
	Gwen McNeil	0		0	0								
3	Scott Noyes	2	2.70	1.59	2	3.71		4	5	6.41	5		
	Duane Noyes	0		1	1								
9	Richard Beckham	1	1.01		3	5.16		4	5	6.17	6		
	Mark Chapman	0		1	1								
2	Steve Carnal	0	1.12		1	5.00		1	5	6.12	7		
	Warren Lichius	1		3	4								
1	Ken Jones	1	2.20		1	3.32		2	4	5.52	8		
	Bob Treadway	1		1	2								
11	Greg Shands	1	3.29		2	2.08		3	5	5.37	9		
	Andy Shands	2		0	2								
12	Tim Dring	1	0.94		1	3.88	3.88	2	2	4.82	10		
	Bill Fahy	0		0	0								
15	Paul Boehme	0	0.00		0	4.74		0	1	4.74	11		
	Sam Boehme	0		1	1		4.74						
13	Rich Weber	0	0.00		2	4.47	3.68	2	2	4.47	12		
	Josh Weber	0		0	0								
6	Greg Hoch	2	3.36		0	1.06		2	4	4.42	13		
	Andrew Hoch	1		1	2								
16	Pam Wakim	1	1.53		1	2.56		2	3	4.09	14		
	Terri Sullivan	0		1	1								
7	John Murphy	2	2.53		1	1.05		3	3	3.58	15		
	John Salvo	0		0	0								
14	Dan Durbin	0	0.00		1	2.84		1	2	2.84	16		
	Dean Sullivan	0		1	1								
SAT BIG BASS				2.01	SUN BIG BASS			4.74	TOURNAMENT BIG BASS				4.74