

Hawg Hawlers Bass Club

March 2014



What's NEW for 2014

Your new officers for 2014 are hoping you are as excited about 2014 as we are.

Holding down the rank of President once again is Greg Shands, Vice President - Terry Stanek, Treasurer - Dan Durbin, Secretary - Chris Himstedt, and your Tournament Chairmen are Dean Sullivan and Scott Hasty. Holding a new position this year is Scott Crady as Membership Chairman.

These officers have fought tooth and nail all winter long to come up with a fishing schedule for 2014 that you won't be able to resist. (We really didn't fight...but we are very excited about what lies ahead for the Hawg Hawlers during our 2014 season)

So....**DON'T FORGET** to get your membership forms submitted and we'll see you on the water! (Check schedule on page 3 for further details).

Also, this year we are hoping that some of our members have video cameras and can record some highlights. Videos can be of you and your partner on the water practicing, a weigh in, or whatever you want to record and share with us. They will be shared on a HH Youtube page. I will also take any still pictures you take and are willing to share with us.

Be safe and we'll see you on the water.

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Clearwater 2014

Our first tournament to kick off the 2014 season is on March 15th on Clearwater Lake. This is a one day tournament that will take off and end at Clearwater Marina. Launch your boat at Piedmont Park Recreation Area and boat over to the Marina. (see last years winning results on pg. 4)

Take off is at 9:00 am and ends with our weigh-in at Clearwater Marina at 3:00 pm.

To Piedmont Park Recreation Area - Take Highway 55 South to Highway 67 south. Follow Hwy 67 to Highway 34 west. Follow Hwy 34 to the city of Piedmont. Continue Hwy 34 through the city of Piedmont until you reach the Walmart Store. Make a right onto Highway HH in front of the Walmart and follow Hwy HH for 7 miles to the Clearwater Lake Dam. Highway HH ends at a T intersection on top of the Clearwater Lake Dam. Make a right at the T intersection on top of the dam onto County Road #418 and follow to the Piedmont Park Recreation Area. The park entrance will be on your left.

To Piedmont Park Marina - If you continue following County Road #418 as it continues on towards the right, the next entrance on your left will be for the Piedmont Park Marina.

FREE COFFEE AND DONUTS PROVIDED BY THE GOOD FOLKS AT THE MARINA!!!!

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A HOOK from our President....

Well, we have less than 2 weeks 'till we kick off the 2014 season. Man I can't wait. It has been a long cold winter so far. I don't know which is worse, knowing it's going to be a while before the weather will straighten out or looking forward to a nice weekend only to see it snowing again and the temps still in the single digits? Surely it will warm up and stay warm before too long.

You know there are lots of things you can do to pass the time waiting on March 15. Have you gone through all your reels and ensure they all work right; it's really not that hard to tear down a reel, oil, and grease it. And a worn out piece of sand paper will make the cork handle of a rod look brand new again.

What about the truck, boat and trailer. Do all the lights work on everything? Do the brakes work correctly on both the truck and trailer? What about the boat.... did everything work the last time you had the boat on the water? Are the pumps for the live wells and bilge working? What about the trolling motor? Have you checked to see if there is fishing line behind the prop on both the trolling motor or the big motor? What about all the batteries....are they charging and will they hold a charge? How about those trailer wheel bearings, when was the last time you packed them with new grease. And don't forget the license for the truck, boat, trailer, and yourself. And, if you're still bored and have time, sharpen the hooks on all your crankbaits.

Here's a good story today about how karma catches up with you....

Seems like a guy went to Wappapello Saturday morning to get in some crappie fishing. When he got to the ramp, there had been 2 or 3 boats launched ahead of him but no one was around. As he backed down the ramp, ice had formed and when his truck hit the ice his trailer jack-knifed around and got up against the walk ramp. Since his truck wasn't 4 wheel drive he couldn't pull up to get clear of the walk ramp. As he sat there wondering what to do another truck pulling a boat pulled up. The 2 guys in this truck got out and unstrapped their boat, not once did they offer to help the guy on the ramp. Instead, once they were ready to launch their boat they sat in their truck and began bad mouthing the guy because he was in their way. Finally another truck showed up and helped the guy get his truck back up the ramp. As soon as the jacked knife truck was out of the way the 2 men pulled up to launch their boat. As they backed down the ice covered ramp they hit their brakes forgetting their boat was all unstrapped, it slid off the trailer 20 feet short of the water, breaking the lower unit completely off the motor. And it gets better..... The man who was struck on the ramp first, came back down to see if he could help get their boat back on the trailer. Being the jerks that these guys were, they said their winch would pull the boat back up. Well the strap held but the welds that held the winch to the trailer didn't. So, as the guy who got a little help from a friendly angler went out to fish for the day, the 2 guys who wouldn't lend a hand sat in the parking lot wondering how they were going to get their boat home.

The moral of this story is.....Remember to always help out a fellow angler because you never know when you might need a little help yourself.

As I sat down to write this article I had full intentions of writing about some funny story that has happened to me throughout the years. But as I thought about all the fishing trips, all the fun times, and all the time spend with my family and friends fishing, I began to realize that fishing has been one of the consistencies in my life.

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Fishing for me, is the ultimate "cure all" medicine. Whether it's for a pick-me up, a stress relief, or just to zone out for a day, fishing can and has been all the medicine I need.

I can still remember the first time I snuck off to go fishing in a little pond behind our house. I was 4 years old. (Well I'm 53 now and I'm still sneaking off. (of course instead of it being from parents, wife, kids, work, its mostly just daily life)

Remember that there is a cure for cabin fever, -- fishing and the great outdoors.

March 15 is our first tournament. **Clearwater Lake - State Park Marina is the location and 9 am is the take off time.** There will be hot coffee and free donuts donated by the Marina folks so get there early to visit with friends.....And....don't forget to send your membership fees and forms and your tournament entry fees to Dan by Wednesday before the tournament.

Greg

2014 Tournament Schedule

Date	Start	End	Lake \ Take Off Location
15-Mar	9:00am	3:00pm	Clearwater Lake - Piedmont Park - Memorial Tournament
12-Apr	6:30am	2:30pm	Lake of the Ozarks -
13-Apr	6:30am	12:30pm	Red Oak Resort - 573-873-9400
26-Apr	6:00am	2:00pm	Kentucky \ Barkley Lake -
27-Apr	6:00am	12:00pm	Buzzard Rock -- 800-826-6238
17-May	6:00am	12:00am	Table Rock - 3rd Annual Omega Custom Tackle Tournament
18-May	6:00am	12:00am	Holiday Hideaway - 417-739-4542
7-Jun	5:30am	11:30pm	Pomme de Terre - 4th Annual G Loomis Tournament
8-Jun	5:30am	11:30pm	State Park Marina - 417-852-1031
12-Jul	5:30am	11:30pm	Wappapello Lake -
13-Jul	5:30am	11:30pm	Sundowner Ramp
16-Aug	6:30am	12:30pm	Mark Twain -
17-Aug	6:30am	12:30pm	Spaulding Ramp
13-Sep	6:30am	12:30pm	Pomme de Terre - 4th Annual Shimano Tournament
14-Sep	6:30am	12:30pm	Nemo Resort - 417-852-4201
11-Oct	8:00am	4:00pm	Lake of the Ozarks - 4th Annual OPC Tournament
12-Oct	7:00am	1:00pm	Rock Harbor Resort - 877-203-4186

Tournament times are tentative and may be delayed due to unsafe conditions

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Clearwater 2013 Results (top 3)

BOAT	NAME	CREEL	BIG BASS	Penalty	TOTAL	PLACE	COMMENTS
		SAT	SAT		WEIGHT		
23A	CHRIS HIMSTEDT	3			10.82	1	JERK BAIT
23B	ANDI HIMSTEDT	1	7.91				X-RAP
9A	GREG SHANDS	3			9.55	2	RED/BLACK CRANK
9B	ANDY SHANDS	1					
19A	TEDDY REIM	5			9.01	3	HASTY CRANK
19B	CHRIS BERGMANN	1					(Chartreuse Bandit Crankbait)

Clearwater 5 Year History

CLEARWATER LAST FIVE YEAR CLUB HISTORY					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
NO. BOATS	19	15	20	27	28
TOTAL FISH	52	39	100	59	76
1ST PLACE LBS	9.78	10.83	11.87	10.98	10.82
1ST PLACE BAIT	Black/Red Bombers Wiggle Wart	Fish Doctors	Wiggle Wart/Red Rat L Traps	Brush Hog/Crankbait	X Rap/Twitch Stick
BIG BASS LBS	4.10	5.72	5.59	5.79	7.91
BIG BASS BAIT	?	Fish Doctors	Red Rat L Trap	Spinner Bait	X Rap/Twitch Stick
AIR TEMP	43-58	47-57	?	70s	55-61
WIND	10mph	Light Breeze	?	Slight Breeze-Windy	8-10 mph
SKIES	Cloudy/Overcast with Sun in PM	Party Sunny	Sunny-Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy/Overcast
LAKE LEVEL	Normal	?	?	?	498 ft.
WATER COND	Clear to Stained	Slightly Stained	?	Heavy Stain-Muddy	Clear in River/Stained-muddy in Lake
WATER TEMP	49-51	52-54	?	Low 60s	47-54
LAKE RECORDS	BIG BASS: JOSH ZELNIS 7.96 MARCH 2009 HEAVY STRINGER: HASTY/KENNEDY 11.87 POUNDS MARCH 2011				



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In 2013, Clearwater produced the top 3 BIGGEST fish of the year!

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**A Special Welcome to our
NEW MEMBERS...**

**Bob Basler, Jacob Currie,
Jeremy Going, Richard Harper,
Dick Swann, Chris Watkins**

HH Sponsors 2014...



Odds 'n Ends....

12th Annual "Help a Child" Charity Tournament (Benefiting Mo. Baptist Children's Home and Kids Against Hunger) - May 3rd - Lake of the Ozarks - \$1000 First Place Prize - Big Bass, Big Crappie, Big Catfish. For more info: <http://www.heavensanglers.com/tournament-entry-online.html> or contact Gary at 314.420.2470.

Hawg Hawlers at Bass Pro - The Hawg Hawlers will be promoting our club at Bass Pro on March 8th - 9th. Feel free to stop by to say hello, buy a raffle ticket and support your club.

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