

# ***HAWG HAWLERS BASS CLUB***

**2017 - 30TH ANNIVERSARY**

## **From the President's Boat...**

In 1988, four friends had a vision to form a bass fishing club that provided **the friendliest, most affordable and enjoyable bass fishing competition in the St. Louis area**. During the first few years, there were only a handful of members and average tournament size was 4 - 6 boats. Monthly "in-person" meetings were held, often at the St. Louis County Library and monthly newsletters were printed on dot-matrix printers and mailed out to members.



Fast forward 30 years and the Hawg Hawlers have become one of the largest and longest running bass fishing clubs in the state of Missouri. 2016 saw 150 active members with average tournament size exceeding 25 boats! Monthly meetings are no longer held and information is distributed via the club's website and social media pages. While many things have changed throughout the years, the club's vision has always remained the same. I believe this is the primary factor behind the club's enormous growth and success. Please join me in giving a big "Thank You" to Terry Stanek, Dan Durbin, Bob Treadway and Greg Heinz for putting this whole thing together 30 years ago!



## **2017 - The Club's 30th Year**

For 2017 we will be holding 10 Tournaments. The schedule is posted on the website and the lodging guide is attached later in this newsletter. Don't procrastinate and start making your plans and reservations now. If you have any questions, please email an officer or post a question on our message board. If you haven't already, I recommend you sign up as a user on the message board as early as possible. This is a great place to ask questions, find a tournament partner or a ride to the lake if needed.

We are looking forward to making 2017 an even bigger and better year than 2016. There are many ways you can help make this happen. Please continue to spread the word about our amazing club so we can continue to grow. Like/Share and comment on our Facebook page. Think about potential sponsors that may be interested in working with the club. Volunteer to help our at a club event. Anything you can do to help is appreciated.

**- Greg Shands (2017 Hawg Hawlers President)**

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1988 - 2017 CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

## Important Reminders

- Every youth angler (Age 15 and under by 12/31/2017) that fishes at least TWO tournaments during the year and attends the annual awards banquet will be entered into a drawing to win a Missouri Lifetime Fishing Permit. In 2016, the club was able to raise enough money to present 3 of these lifetime awards. The winners were: Joey Butler, Ryan Sutton, and Anthony Langanke! (If you know of anyone who would be interested in sponsoring a youth lifetime permit for 2017, please let us know).
- Come visit us at the first Saturday and Sunday of the Bass Pro Shops Spring Classic in February. Let us know if you have any interest in helping work our "booth." At this event we try to raise awareness of our club along with raising money to provide the Youth Lifetime Fishing Permit awards.
- The 2016 Knockout Pool winner was Rob Mueller. He beat Charleen Durbin in week 13 with his Denver Broncos Pick. We will be trying to setup a 2017 March Madness Pool to raise money to improve and upgrade club equipment (weigh-in scales, etc...). This is open to anyone so please ask friends and family to participate. You could win some money and help the club out at the same time!
- Most of our tournaments will feature some king of fun event (weenie-roast, fish fry, pizza party, etc...) Let us know if you have ideas to improve these events or would like to volunteer to help out at an event or two.
- Spots are open for Tournament Directors. Please let us know which lakes/dates you are interested in as soon as possible before they fill up.

## 2017 Tournament Schedule Summary

Tournament #	Lake	Day 1	Day 2	Lodging
1	Clearwater Lake	18-Mar	N/A	N/A
2	Lake of the Ozarks	8-Apr	9-Apr	Red Oak Resort
3	Kentucky Lake	22-Apr	23-Apr	Sportsman's Lodge
4	Table Rock	20-May	21-May	King's Cove
5	Pomme de Terre	3-Jun	4-Jun	Nemo Resort
6	Kentucky Lake	24-Jun	25-Jun	Sportsman's Lodge
7	Wappapello	22-Jul	23-Jul	Millers Motor Lodge
8	Pomme de Terre	26-Aug	27-Aug	Nemo Resort
9	Truman	16-Sep	17-Sep	Osage Bluff
10	Lake of the Ozarks	14-Oct	15-Oct	Rock Harbor Resort



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## Lodging Guide 2017

### The 2017 Tournament Schedule Is Set!

This Guide is to assist you in scheduling, planning and your lodging needs throughout the tournament year. Many resorts have graciously offered to sponsor our club by providing special discounts and nightly rates for our members which are detailed in this guide. Some of these resorts have agreed to "block" a certain number of rooms for our members for a limited time. Please try to book your rooms as early as you can.

Please remember to take the time to thank these supporters for all they do for our club and patronize them whenever possible. You can easily return the favor by leaving positive feedback through online reviews (sites such as TripAdvisor.com), commenting on social media sites such as Facebook, recommending them to friends and family or booking your next stay with them.

We are hoping for another great year and hope you will be able to attend as many tournaments as possible. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to email a club officer or post your question on the Hawg Hawlers Message Board.

Tournament #1 - Clearwater		Important Notes
Dates	March 18	No lodging - One Day Tournament
Lodging	None	

Tournament #2 - Lake of the Ozarks		Important Notes
Dates	April 8-9	Multiple tournaments are often held out of Red Oak. Make sure to reserve a slip early as they fill up fast. Motel Units are \$65/night Covered Boat slips are \$10/night. Dock A has larger slips for larger bass boats.
Lodging	Red Oak Resort	
Phone:	(573) 873-9400	
Reservation Policy:	No deposit. Credit Card to hold.	
Cancellation Policy:	100% refund with 24 hour notice	
Discounts:	Certificate Giveaway	

Tournament #3 - Kentucky Lake		Important Notes
Dates	April 22-23	Many different unit types (motel units, cabins, trailers, cottages). Each slip has a storage locker that will fit rods, life jackets, etc... however, you will need to bring your own padlock. Cabins from \$57/night Motel Rooms: \$115.50/night Covered boat slips w/ electric: \$15/night. **TIP - Only pay the minimum 1 night deposit when you reserve your room since you only get 50% back if you have to cancel. No fast food service is available nearby. Many local restaurants do not take debit or credit cards so be sure to bring cash.
Lodging	Sportsman's Lodge	
Phone:	(800) 733-6716	
Reservation Policy:	1 night deposit required	
Cancellation Policy:	50% if canceled within 30 days. No early departure refund	
Discounts:	No special group rates	

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Tournament #4 - Table Rock		Important Notes
Dates	May 20-21	<p>Lakefront Cottages with fully equipped kitchens. Microwaves, coffee makers, toasters, cable TV. Patio doors open to decks overlooking the lake. Picnic table and BBQ pit with each cottage.</p> <p>Ask about late checkout</p>
Lodging	King's Cove	
Phone:	(417) 739-4513	
Reservation Policy:	One Night Deposit Required	
Cancellation Policy:	Refund if rooms are re-booked	
Discounts:	Yes - Ask about when making reservation	

Tournament #5 - Pomme de Terre		Important Notes
Dates	June 3-4	<p>Mostly motel units with a few trailer-style cabins. Motel units: \$62/night (discounted rate - 2 people) Very pet friendly</p>
Lodging	Nemo Bridge Resort	
Phone:	(417) 852-4201	
Reservation Policy:	No \$ down. No Credit Card to Hold	
Cancellation Policy:	N/A	
Discounts:	\$5 off each room per night + free boat slip rentals	

Tournament #6 - Kentucky Lake		Important Notes
Dates	June 24-25	<p>Many different unit types (motel units, cabins, trailers, cottages). Discount only applies to motel rooms and larger cabins. Each slip has a storage locker that will fit rods, life jackets, etc... however, you will need to bring your own padlock. Motel Rooms: \$97/night (discounted rate) Covered boat slips w/ electric: \$15/night.</p> <p><b>**TIP - Only pay the minimum 1 night deposit when you reserve your room since you only get 50% back if you have to cancel. No fast food service is available nearby. Many local restaurants do not take debit or credit cards so be sure to bring cash.</b></p>
Lodging	Sportsmans Lodge	
Phone:	(800) 733-6716	
Reservation Policy:	1 night deposit required	
Cancellation Policy:	50% if canceled within 30 days. No early departure refund	
Discounts:	\$18.50 off motel rooms	

Tournament #7 - Wappapello		Important Notes
Dates	July 22-23	<p>Motel Room: \$79/night - (2 double beds or King) Mini-Suite: \$84/night (2 double beds, sofa sleeper, microwave) Kitchenette: \$84/night (Queen)</p> <p>*rates based on double occupancy. Extra people \$8/night Off the lake - no boat slips. Lighted boat parking with battery charging outlets.</p>
Lodging	Miller's Motor Lodge	
Phone:	(573) 222-8579	
Reservation Policy:	No \$ down. Credit Card to Hold	
Cancellation Policy:	100% refund with 7 day notice	
Discounts:	One night free stay to the biggest bass winner of the weekend.	

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Tournament #8 - Pomme de Terre		Important Notes
Dates	Aug 26-27	Mostly motel units with a few trailer-style cabins. Motel units: \$62/night (discounted rate - 2 people) Very pet friendly
Lodging	Nemo Bridge Resort	
Phone:	(417) 852-4201	
Reservation Policy:	No \$ down. No Credit Card to Hold	
Cancellation Policy:	N/A	
Discounts:	\$5 off each room per night + free boat slip rentals	

Tournament #9 - Truman Lake		Important Notes
Dates	Sept 10-11	The Marina is different ownership and won't take boat slip reservations until January. Their number is (660) 438-2939
Lodging	Osage Bluff	
Phone:	1 (800) 748-8440	
Reservation Policy:	Unknown	
Cancellation Policy:	Unknown	
Discounts:	Unknown - ask for tournament rate when booking	

Tournament #10 - Lake of the Ozarks		Important Notes
Dates	Oct 14-15	The discount doesn't really apply unless you reserve the larger rooms with less people to a bed. Some of the smaller cheaper units are actually more expensive with the discount (they then just charge you the lower amount).
Lodging	Rock Harbor Resort	
Phone:	(573) 374-5586	
Reservation Policy:	2 nights deposit required	
Cancellation Policy:	< 30 day notice = full refund less 15% service charge	
Discounts:	All inclusive rate = \$32.50/night per person regardless of room (includes boat slips)	

### Don't Forget to get your membership forms submitted.

You can download the membership application form on the Hawg Hawlers website ([www.hawghawlers.com](http://www.hawghawlers.com)). This is an interactive fillable form. We prefer you type in your info and print the form. If you are having trouble using the fill in features in your browser, please download and save the file to your computer so you can type in your info. If you must handwrite your info please write legibly.

**A new membership form is needed for each year.** Annual membership dues are \$25 per angler with free membership provided for anglers 15 and under, or 65 and older, or those who are otherwise exempt from having a fishing permit per the Missouri Department of Conservation.

If you know of someone who is interested in joining the club, please forward this newsletter to them. We hope our club continues to grow and welcome new members every year.