

Hawg Hawlers Bass Club

Pre-Season News 2023



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Boat Checklist!

The 2023 Tourney Season is knocking on the door. Only a few weeks before our first tournament. Here are few things to check before you head out:

- 1. Batteries** - Nothing is worse than getting to the water, in the middle of nowhere, and have a dead battery. Simple steps can keep that from happening and general maintenance of the battery will eliminate most issues.
- 2. Trolling Motor** - Remove the prop now and again, and check for line on the shaft of the motor. A few feet of discarded line can ruin bearings and be a costly repair if not removed. We also lubricate and protect the foot, spring and head of the trolling motor after each trip. We use Cover-All Protectant for the non-moving parts, and WD-40 for those that move and are outside the unit.
- 3. Fire Extinguisher and Battery Charger** - A properly maintained fire extinguisher is a must in a boat. Most state laws require it but from a safety standpoint it gives the angler peace of mind. We also check the battery charger now and again as well. Check to make sure you are getting a good connection on each battery and also that its not boiling the batteries.
- 4. Steering cables** - Lubricate steering cables if possible. Some take grease while others hold hydraulic oil and should be serviced by your dealer.
- 5. Electronics** - Use a UV protectant on on your electronics several times per year. Do not spray directly on the unit but rather spray on a soft rag and gently wipe back, around screen and bracket. Check for software updates. YouTube has many "How-To" instructions for all makes/models.
- 6. Livewells and Sump** - Spring is a great time to wipe and vacuum out livewells and the sump area of the boat. Get all loose particles from screens and from under bilge pumps and livewell pumps. Rinse sump area with a light soap and flush. Never use soap in the live well for obvious reasons.
- 7. Outboard** - Service work is best performed in the fall to assure the outboard is properly protected for storage. Many dealers will winterize boats with a fogging oil. Its always good to start with a "fresh" tank of gas each year but using Stabil or Sea Foam in old gas will make sure moisture is eliminated. Its good to let your motor warm up on the first trip to make sure cylinders are properly lubricated and your engine is ready to put the hammer down.
- 8. Lights and Supplies** - Plug in and test both the bow and stern lights on the boat. Its always good to carry a spare bulb for each in the boat.

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Membership

Every member needs to complete a membership form each year. We have worked hard to get online membership and tournament entry for the club and encourage everyone to utilize it if possible. You will be directed to a Paypal page (You don't need a Paypal account – just check-out as a guest and you can use your debit or credit card just like when you order all your fishing gear on Amazon.)

Online Membership link: <https://hawghawl.wufoo.com/forms/q7s1xax1ygcs82/>

Online Tournament entry: <https://hawghawl.wufoo.com/forms/r12skblz1o5sirc/>

Tournament Entries need to be received by the Tuesday before tourney, by 5pm or a late fee will be assessed.

Rules / Reminders

If this is your first Hawg Hawlers tournament or you haven't fished with us in a while, please make sure you familiarize yourself with the rules. Here are a few key points to remember:

- Arrive Early (minimum of 30 minutes prior to takeoff) to allow for plenty of time to conduct livewell checks.
- Know your takeoff number. This helps speed the process up for the Tournament Directors in issuing your number.
- Be present and LISTEN at the meeting prior to takeoff for information and possible changes.
- Each angler must catch their own fish. You are not allowed to "team fish" and put fish in your partner's livewell even though you are fishing on the same team.
- It was a landslide vote by members to keep a 3 fish per person limit for the 2022 season.
- Each angler's fish need to be in separate weigh-in bags when presented at the scales. No cull-tags, stringer clips or floats should be attached.
- Turn your number in BEFORE the tournament end time at the designated area. THERE IS NO LATE PENALTY for turning in your number early. If you are one second late turning in your number you will be disqualified!
Don't worry about your fish until after the weigh-in tables are setup and the officers announce the scales are open.
- Have fun and try to introduce yourself if you are a new member. This club is full of good people who will help you out if you just take the time to ask. Don't be shy!

Hope to see everyone at the lake and have a great tournament!

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2023 Tournament Schedule

Date	Start	End	Lake/ Take Off Location	Tournament Directors
Saturday, March 18, 2023	8:30a	4:30p	Table Rock Lake	
Sunday, March 19, 2023	7:30a	1:30p	Edgewater Resort (417)739-4585	
Saturday, April 1, 2023	9:30a	5:30p	Lake of the Ozarks	
Sunday, April 2, 2023	6:30a	1:30p	Rock Harbor (573)374-5586	
Saturday, April 22, 2023	6:00a	2:00p	Pomme De Terre	
Sunday, April 23, 2023	6:00a	12:30	Nemo Bridge Resort (417)852-4201	
Saturday, May 6, 2023	5:45a	2:00p	Table Rock Lake	
Sunday, May 7, 2023	5:45a	12:00p	Kings Harbor Resort (417)858-6171	
Saturday, June 3, 2023	5:30a	1:30p	Mark Twain	
Sunday, June 4, 2023	5:30a	12:30p	Country Inn Resort (573)267-3800	
Saturday, August 12, 2023	6:00a	2:00p	Pomme De Terre	
Sunday, August 13, 2023	6:00a	12:30p	Nemo Bridge Resort (417)852-4201	
Saturday, September 9, 2023	6:45a	3:00p	Stockton Lake	
Sunday, September 10, 2023	6:45a	1:00p	Orleans Trail Resort (417) 276-3566	
Saturday, September 30, 2023	6:45a	3:00p	Bull Shoals Lake	
Sunday, October 1, 2023	6:45a	1:00p	Theodosia (417)273-4444	
Saturday, October 21, 2023	7:15a	3:30p	Lake of the Ozarks	
Sunday, October 22, 2023	7:15a	1:30p	Red Oak Resort (573)873-9400	

Tournament Directors Needed!

Don't be shy. Step up and volunteer to be a tournament director. You will get 3 points toward your AOY standing (first time) and it helps the club immensely.

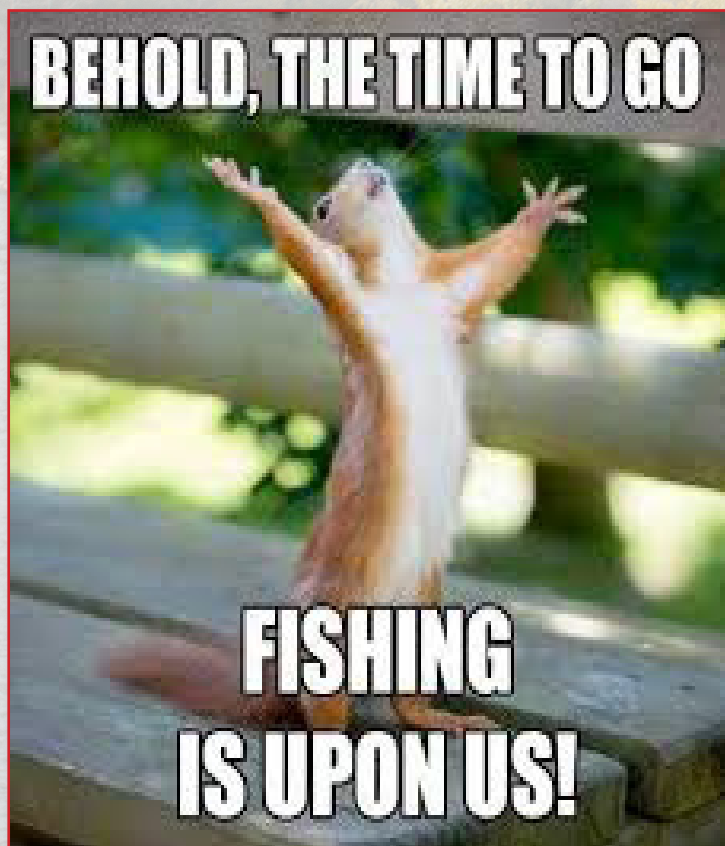
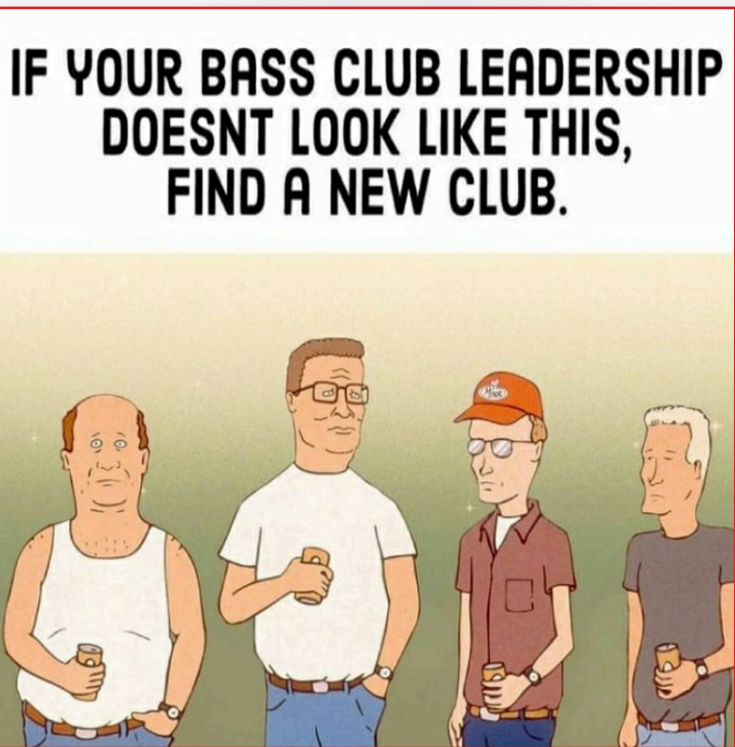
AND, IT'S A GREAT WAY TO MEET YOUR CLUB MEMBERS!

It's easy to do and all you need to do is check livewells and hand out boat #s before take off. To be a tournament director, notify an officer of which tournament(s) work best for you. We, as a club, appreciate the help!

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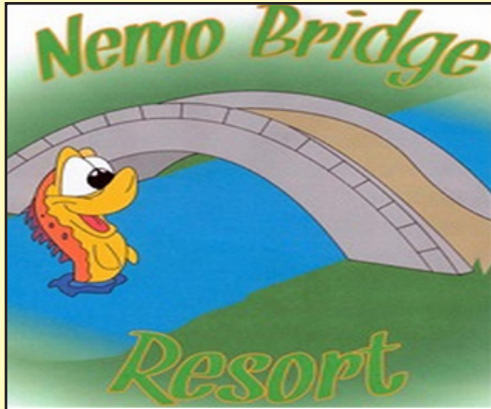
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