LAST TOURNAMENT - TABLE ROCK

Table Rock provided us with some very difficult conditions for the April Tournament. With 17 boats (34 anglers) in attendance, most of the clubs members know of the conditions first hand. But, for those who don't, let me recap. We were fishing behind a DOUBLE cold front, in the rain and wind, with a wind chill nearing the 'teens. The water temp was in the upper 40's, and the fish were few and far between. On the way home Sunday afternoon it was snowing. We later heard that Springfield got 2" of snow.

As for the tournament, T.R. Clark caught a nice 4.5 pound bass in practice, but those "practice" fish don't count. After 34 anglers spent 6 hours fishing Saturday, we had only ONE fish to weigh in. Sunday wasn't much better. Another 6 hours only produced two (2) more keepers. So for a total of 408 man-hours of fishing we had only 3 keeper bass. To put that into perspective.........If a guy fished 8 hours a day, 5 days a week, (at this rate) he would catch one keeper bass every 3.4 WEEKS. NOW THATS BAD CONDITIONS! What makes it worse, is that the dink's weren't biting either. There were very few short fish caught, in practice or the Tournament.

First place was taken by Dan Durbin and Mark Sylvester. Dan's fish weighed 2.88 pounds, and was caught on a crawdad colored Wiggle Wart in shallow water. This fish was also the BIG BASS of the tournament. Dan's single fish was good for \$168.00 for first place and another \$85.00 for BIG BASS, for a total of \$253.00. That is the largest payout in Hawg Hawler history, and with his previous winnings, moves Dan way up on the lifetime earnings list. But Dan, don't give up your day job just yet.

Second place paid \$120.00 to the Czarnecki brothers, Ron and Marty. Ron's fish was caught on a white spinnerbait, and weighed 2.79 pounds.

Third place was a 2.09 lb bass also caught on a white spinnerbait, by Dave Jett and Roger Ritter. Third place paid \$86.00. But, more importantly, Dave extended his ANGLER OF THE YEAR lead. (see enclosed)

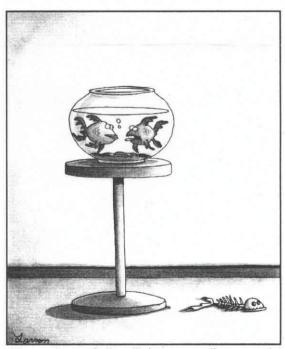
ATTENDANCE PRIZES - APRIL

Again, with the large turnout at Table Rock, we had many door prizes to award. It might have be easier to name the people who didn't win anything (like me..... again!). The following are the lucky one's who had their names drawn for a door prize.

Roger Ritter Wiggle Wart Tom Haberberger Crankbait Ray Burns Jerk Worms Dave Rife Wiggle Wart Dave Wilburn Wiggle Wart Jeff Wilburn Free HH Tournament Ron Czarnecki Wiggle Wart Dan Durbin Wiggle Wart Carl Zummallen Crankbait Dannie Patterson Craw Pak

NEXT TOURNAMENT - TRUMAN

Our next tournament is at Truman Lake on May 1st and 2nd. It will be held out of Berry Bend. This is just a boat ramp, so be sure to gas up before you get to the lake. The scuttlebut has it that most of us will be camping at Berry Bend.



"I guess he made it . . . it's been more than a week since he went over the wall."