NEWSLETTER

Hawg Hawlers Bass Club of St. Louis, Mo.

NEW LOOK FOR THE NEWSLETTER

I guess the first thing you will notice is the new newsletter format. I will be experimenting with some new styles this year to see what works the best, so be patient with me.

POINT SYSTEM

This year we will be using a point system to determine our Angler of the Year.

> Winners of <u>individual tournaments</u> will be determined by the total catch of the partners in the boat (same as last year).

The point system will only apply to the Angler of the Year competition. It will be discussed more in future issues, but basically, it is this: Points will be awarded for 5 places of finish (ie; 10 points - First place, 8 for Second, 6 for Third, 4 for Forth and 2 for Fifth). Points places will be awarded for all 5 places regardless of how many boats we have, or how many places have prize money, at a tournament (as long as 5 boats have caught fish). In addition each angler will receive one point per fish, two points for participating in a tournament, two points for being a tournament director (max 2 points per year), and points for the big bass for a tournament (points will equal the weight of the bass 4.49 lbs = 4 points, 4.50 lbs = 5 points). A running total will be published each month with the standings, as well as the total weight caught. In case of a point total tie, the total weight of the years catch will be the determining factor. The intent of the point system is to lessen the importance of one BIG win, and put more emphasis on the overall performance of the angler.

1994 SCHEDULE

We reviewed the surveys filled out at the Hawg Hawler Classic last year and have come up with the 1994 schedule. Some information (like tournament locations) has not yet been determined, but the dates, lakes, and times are probably accurate. As always, if anything in the schedule changes, it will be published in the newsletter.

TOURNAMENT RULES UPDATE

We are in the process of updating the tournament rules for 1994 mainly due to the point system. The next newsletter will have a copy of the new rules with the membership info sheet. <u>New</u> membership information sheets are required each year because of the rule changes, and also because of updated addresses, phone & boat numbers, etc.

NEW ANNUAL AWARD

As well as our Angler of the Year and Big Bass of the Year awards, we have added another award for significant achievement in one tournament. The award will be called the Big Stringer of the Year award, and a plaque will be presented to the angler who has the largest weight recorded for one tournament (both days).

OFFICER RESPONSIBILITY SHIFT

We have added an officer position for this year. Last years vice president duties will be handled by the "Chief Tournament Director". It will be his responsibility to see that the tournaments are run fairly and in accordance with the rules. He will also sign up tournament directors and serve as, or appoint a back up to the tournament director and the official clock of the tournament. The vice-president position will handle all of the prizes for all of the tournaments this year. He will also be in charge of the October Classic.

SCRAMBLE FOR POINTS

Since the Angler of the Year will be determined by a point total, everyone will want to accumulate as many points as possible. One sure way to get extra points is to sign up as a tournament director for one of our tournaments. Two points will be awarded to each angler in the team handling the tournament director responsibilities. The maximum number of 'tournament director' points for any angler, in any year, is 2. Since these are basically free points, and to make thing fair for the entire club, tournament director positions will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Tournament director reservations can be made by calling the Chief Tournament Director (Bob Treadway at 946-3143).

CLASSIC GROUP PHOTO

The group shot we took on stage at the 1993 Hawg Hawler Classic came out real well. If anyone wants a copy send \$ 2.00 to Greg Heinz, 4301 McClay Road, St. Charles, Mo. 63304.

LAST CHANCE ON THE HATS/COATS

Included with this newsletter is a copy of the coat/hat order form. Only a few signed up for Hawg stuff. There wasn't enough to put together a whole order, so feel lucky.......You get another chance. Please fill out and return (with money) by February 5th. It doesn't look like we are going to get the embroidered hats, but we can still get the silkscreened ones. More info(?) call Greg at 441-7452 (evenings).

WANT (or Don't Want) AD'S

Any info regarding (boat) carpet replacement would be greatly appreciated by Dan Durbin (8am-2pm 846-6578).

- Note 1: There may be a \$3.00 fee (each time you launch) at all Corps of Engineers Ramps this year, so have your money ready.
- Note 2: This is the last time I will ever use WordPerfect 6.0!!!!!!!

1994 - Hawg Hawlers Tournament Schedule - 1994

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Tourney date:	S	Day	Start/Stop	Lake	Take Off/Weigh In Area
March	19th	Sat	12n - 6pm	Clearwater	PIEDMONT PARK
	20th	Sun	6am - 12n		(marina)
April	16th	Sat	1pm - 8pm	Table Rock	resort
	17th	Sun	6am - 12n		417
May	14th	Sat	1pm - 8pm	Truman	OSAGE BLUFF
	15th	Sun	6am - 12n		(marina)
June	11th	Sat	1pm - 8pm	Mark Twain	NORTH FORK
	12th	Sun	6am - 1pm		(boat ramp)
July	16th	Sat	2pm - 8pm	Pomme De	STATE PARK
	17th	Sun	6am - 12n	Terre	(marina)
August	20th	Sat	start 7pm	Ozarks	COFFMAN BEACH
ALLNIGHTER		Sun	end 9am	NIGHT TOURNEY	(boat ramp)
September	10th	Sat	1pm - 7pm	Wappapello	SUNDOWNER
1/	11th	Sun	6am - 12n	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	(marina)
October	8th	Sat	2pm - 8pm	To be	To be
"CLASSIC"	9th	Sun	6am - 12n	Announced	Announced

Start/Stop times are tentative.

Shading indicates change from earlier schedule.

REGISTRATION

Tournament fee is \$40.00 per boat (includes big bass pool). All participants must be (paid) club members to include.....

- signed 'tournament rules acknowledgement form' on file,

- complete membership and boat registration info on file.

ALL REGISTRATION must be RECEIVED by Wed prior to tournament.

Mail to:	STEVE RHEA
	15 Southwood
	St. Peters, Mo. 63376

OURNAMENT REGIS	TRATION FORM	1
Tournament:	(date) at	(lake).
Name of Boater		/
Name of Partner		

(new members must include new member information with tournament registration)