

NEWSLETTER

Hawg Hawlers Bass Club of St. Louis

(March, 1996)

Last Tournament...

Clearwater started out the year with a bang. The lightning and bad weather delayed take off for 20 minutes, and the rain stayed with us most of the day. Winds were light and temperatures were cool but not cold, unless you were running across the lake. The fish were only active during the middle of the day, with most being caught between 11am and 2pm. The officers tried some new procedures for take off and weigh-in. They worked pretty well, and will be continued, so pay attention at the pre-tournament meetings and you will know what to do, and when to do it. No interesting "stories" at this tournament (ie; unplanned boat extraction's or hookings, or getting lost), but wait, next month is Lake of the Ozarks, and it always has good "stories".

Clearwater Totals (breakdown on attached sheet)

YEAR	# of Fish	TOTAL Weight	# of BOATS	1st Place	BIG Bass
1996	63	55.21	19	10.14	2.61

1st Place Dave Jett/Terry Bost
10 fish - 10.14 lbs
prize: \$ 186.00
pattern: Red Shad Powerworms, shallow.

2nd Place Ted Reim/Gene Reim
8 fish - 5.40 lbs.
prize: \$ 130.00
pattern: Jerkbait, shallow.

3rd Place Greg Heinz/Steve Rhea
5 fish - 5.13 lbs.
prize: \$ 87.00
pattern: Spinner/crankbaits, shallow.

4th Place Terry Stanek/Bob Treadway
5 fish - 5.00 lbs.
prize: \$ 57.00
pattern: Shad Rap, shallow.

5th Place Mark Sylvester/Dan Durbin
4 fish - 4.45 lbs.
prize: \$ 34.00
pattern: Hula grubs.

BIG BASS 2.61 lbs - Dave Jett
prize: \$ 95.00
pattern: Red Shad Powerworm, shallow.

Honorable mention in 6th place, only .07 lbs out of the money, was Tom and T.R. Clark. In fact there were 7 teams weighing in within 1.4 pounds of each other. That included 2nd through 8th place.

Attendance Prizes

As well as the prize money awarded at Clearwater, attendance prizes were awarded to those who were lucky enough to have their names drawn:

Dennis Wilson	Polorized Sunglasses
Jay Petero	2 Bill Norman Crankbaits
Greg Dix	Flashlight Kit
Ted Reim	Hook Hone
Dave Sona	Flashlight
Bob Ray	2 Bill Norman Crankbaits
Gene Reim	Flashlight
T.R. Clark	Loudmouth Crankbait
Rick Armstrong	2 Bill Norman Crankbaits
Brian Robinson	Free Tournament
Dan Durbin	Free Tournament

There were a total of six (first year) new members at the Clearwater tournament. Us "old" members would like to welcome you new guys to the club. We hope you enjoyed the Clearwater tournament, and will be with us throughout this, and the coming years.

Next Tournament.....

Lake of the Ozarks and Rod'n Reel Resort is the next stop on the Hawg Hawler Tournament Trail. Get your reservations in for the tournament and lodging soon.

Directions to Rod'n Reel Resort:

From Camdenton (intersection of highways 54 and 5), take 5 north to highway 7 west, to highway EE south. Watch for signs, turn on left.

Hawg Hawler History (Lake of the Ozarks)

YEAR	Mo	# of Boats	TOTAL Fish	TOTAL Weight	1st Place	BIG Bass
1989	5	6	6	19.70	5.60	3.90
1989	9	5	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
1990	4	9	9	23.76	5.59	5.09
1990	8	8	2	3.83	2.10	2.10
1990	10	8	3	6.69	2.79	2.79
1991	4	9	5	14.05	3.85	3.85
1991	9	10	13	30.74	12.94	3.15
1991	10	10	7	14.08	6.92	2.57
1992	9	9	19	44.40	9.17	4.52
1993	9	12	12	33.27	9.38	4.41
1994	8	11	14	37.44	8.96	5.90
1995	4	19	15	33.00	7.42	7.40
1995	6	18	44	98.95	13.67	4.99

Next Tournament (continued)

We had two tournaments at Lake of the Ozarks last year. April was our regularly scheduled tournament, and the June tournament was moved to Lake of the Ozarks because of the unusually high water at Mark Twain Lake. Here are the specifics about those two tournaments.

In April we had our only **TIE** for first place. Two teams weighed in 7.42 pounds and tied for first place. The third place team weighed 7.40 pounds, which made for our closest finish ever. Fish were caught on Wiggle Warts, Plastic Worms.

Defending champs (JUNE) are Gary Eubanks and Jerry Oberbeck who's 6 fish set the "lake weight record" at **13.67** pounds in a tournament that produced nearly 100 pounds of fish. They caught their fish on Chartreuse Pumpkinseed lizards in shallow water.

Lake Record is **7.40** pounds, by Gene Reim and a white double willow leaf spinnerbait, in April of 1995. Unfortunately, this **ALL TIME CLUB RECORD BIG BASS** was caught near the Rod & Reel dock (last year we fished out of the Blue Dolphin Resort). This year we are fishing out of Rod & Reel so their dock will be in the no fishing area. Gene says that's OK because he released the fish over at the Blue Dolphin, and he plans to fish over there. (Gene/Ted: I'm sure you won't have any company at the Blue Dolphin dock)

Club Apparel

Hawg Hawler Club apparel will be available at the Lake of the Ozarks tournament, after weigh-in. Items available will include:

- HATS (\$5.00)
- TeeSHIRTS (\$10.00)
- SweatSHIRTS (\$18.00)

Assorted sizes will be available, however any size of any item can be ordered. Order forms will be available for special sizes and to order Jackets and Windbreakers. The order form will also be in next months newsletter. So save your nickels and dimes for that special Logo item that will let you show off your favorite fishing club.

Tournament Directors needed!

Same old story, with a new phone number. Dave Sona is looking for (more than) a few good tournament directors. Remember, it's an additional 2 points. Call Dave at 586-7951.

Last Newsletter....

This is the last "free" newsletter for those 1995 members who have not rejoined the club for 1996. Make sure you get your \$15.00 to Steve soon and keep up your "prescription" to the Hawg Hawler News.

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