

NEWSLETTER

Hawg Hawlers Bass Club of St. Louis

(May 1996)

Last Tournament...

Mark Twain was not exactly generous with the fish at our May tournament. Only 3 keepers were caught on Saturday. Ten more on Sunday, raised the total to 13. But that's slim pickin's for a lake like Mark Twain in May. Each month, I try to find some hook for the text about our tournaments. Last month I missed the boat (*so to speak*), because we had a family weigh in. There were the Pattersons in 2nd, the Bosts in 3rd, the Pecks in 5th and the Clarks in 6th place. That was a great hook and I missed it. But this month I cannot find a hook to build on. So I guess it's just the facts.

Rain off and on most of the weekend, water muddy to stained, 55 to 60 degrees, lake level 607 (normal 605), moderate wind. The Post Dispatch fishing report from the preceding Friday reported the bass were hitting on "Chompers". Nobody knew what chompers were. Even the bait shops in the area didn't know. But whatever they were, the bass were really hitting them.

Tournament Totals (breakdown on attached sheet)

YEAR	# of Fish	TOTAL Weight	# of BOATS	1st Place	BIG Bass
1996	13	31.48	14	8.44	3.99

1st Place Chiaurro/McFetridge
3 fish - 8.44 lbs
prize: \$ 153.00
points - 10 each
pattern: Crankbaits - Shallow.

2nd Place Bost/Bost
2 fish - 5.33 lbs
prize: \$ 105.00
points - 8 each
pattern: Pumpkinseed Power Worms - Shallow.

3rd Place Sylvester/Durbin
2 fish - 3.98 lbs
prize: \$ 66.00
points - 6 each
pattern: Hula grubs - 8-10 feet deep.

4th Place Sona/Irwin
2 fish - 3.93 lbs
prize: \$ 40.00
points - 4 each
pattern: Black Power Worms.

5th Place Reim/Reim
1 fish - 3.43 lbs
prize: \$ 0.00
points - 2 each
pattern: Brown Hula Grub - Shallow.

BIG BASS 3.99 lbs - Steve Chiaurro
prize: \$ 70.00
points - 4
pattern: Crankbait.

Yet, another fine job . . .

Tournament directors for Mark Twain were Tom O'Connor, Brian Robinson, Mark Tomasiak and Greg Dix. All get their 2 points for a very smooth tournament. Good job fella's.

Last month the tournament directors were Tom and T.R. Clark and Greg Heinz and Steve Rhea. They did a great job too. And Clearwater directors were Terry Stanek and Bob Treadway, who also had everything under control. Sorry, I missed these when they were current, but now everyone has been acknowledged. And rightfully so.

Saved the day . . .

Confucius says "Trolling motor cables only break on windy days". And he was right. A big thanks to **West Perry Marina** (*located at the west end of Perry -- go figure*) for replacing a broken cable, for one of our participants. They stayed open past their closing time, charged a fair rate, when they could have charged more, and were courteous throughout. They offer trolling motor sales and service, main engine repair, engine prop work, boat covers and upholstery with friendly service at reasonable prices. Three cheers to **West Perry Marina**. Thanks for keeping our club members in "action".

Honorable mention:

Mark Twain - Club/Lake Record for **WALLEYE** goes to Steve Rhea for a nice 20" Walleye taken on a Fire Tiger Crankbait in Northfork. (*There was a terrific netting job by his partner also*)

OOPS !!! (again)

In the "retraction of the month" category (*this may end up a regular column*), I must correct an error that appeared in last month's newsletter. It concerned a certain 5.08 pound fish caught by the team of Bost and Bost at Lake of the Ozarks. I reported incorrectly that Bost caught the fish, when in fact it was Bost that caught it. Since each Bost caught 1 fish for the tournament, this does not effect standings, points or placements. I feel much better having corrected that.

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OOPS (continued)

Sorry, Linda. Congratulations Terry on a real nice fish that should have put your name in the "honorable mention" category.

Attendance Prizes

Grant Schrear	Fisherman's pliers
Brian Irwin	Hook Honer
Don Lankin	Crankbait Pak
Ron Cullen	Crankbait Pak
Linda Bost	Sunglasses
Terry Stanek	Flashlight Pak
Dan Durbin	Crankbait Pak
Tom O'Connor	Free Tournament

Next Tournament (Stockton)....

This is the first time for the Hawg Hawlers at Stockton Lake. As usual, we welcome the challenge of new water. This lake was added to our schedule based on the responses received at last years "Classic" dinner. Democracy in action, ain't it great.

Directions to the State Park MARINA:

The take off/weigh in location is the State Park Marina. There is more than one ramp in the State Park. Don't go to the wrong ramp,. There is only one Marina, and that is the tournament location.. To get there, take I-44 to Lebanon, continue west on 32 to the town of Stockton. Go South on 39, to 215 East. Look for signs. (note: 245 may be tempting, but I hear it's a pretty bad road)

Just who are the tournament directors?????

Watch for the new look in tournament director fashion at the Stockton tournament. The "IN" thing to be worn, is a blaze orange vest. I hear they will be all the rage. It combines the simplicity of the vest with the noticability of blaze orange. Obvious, yet understated, in a 90's sort of way. BUT SERIOUSLY FOLKS, starting with Stockton, the tournament directors for each day will be wearing orange vests to identify them. This should help simplify the pre-tournament meeting and expedite livewell check, etc. So if you have any questions, just see the "orange coated experts".

Lodging at Stockton

Some of the lodging available at Stockton Lake are...

State Park Marina/Inn 417-276-5422
Mt, Carmel Inn 417-276-3349

If these are full, they can direct you to some other nearby lodging. There is also camping nearby for the back to nature crowd.

Hawg Hawlers History (Stockton Lake)

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>Mo</u>	<u># of Boats</u>	<u>TOTAL Fish</u>	<u>TOTAL Weight</u>	<u>1st Place</u>	<u>BIG Bass</u>
none						

Since this is our first trip to Stockton Lake, and we have no history, **ALL LAKE RECORDS ARE UP FOR GRABS.**

Defending Champs... (insert your name here).

Lake Record is ??? pounds by (insert your name here).

Top 1st Place Weight for Stockton is ? fish for ???.?? pounds by (insert your name here).

Smallest fish: (your partners name here).

Most lures lost on one trip: (your partners name here).

Fell out of the boat: (your partners name here).

Tournament Directors needed!

Dave Sona still needs tournament directors Remember, it's an additional 2 points. Call Dave at 586-7951 and reserve your turn to wear the vest.

We DO NOT have any Tournament Directors for Stockton Lake, so call Dave quick!!!!

Stranger than truth...

(since we have room here on sheet 2) Once upon a time I was fishing some laydowns on Truman Lake, and saw a squirrel scamper down the shoreline. He came up to one of the laydowns that was protruding out into the water a good 6 feet. He hopped onto it and very cautiously made his way down to the waters edge, where there was a walnut. He eyed me over pretty good then decided to chow down on the nut. Just then a bass that must have been over nine pounds exploded through the surface, grabbed the squirrel and disappeared beneath the surface. I was astounded. I had never seen such a thing, I just sat there with my mouth open. I could not believe what I had just seen. Then, that bass came up and put another nut on the end of that laydown.