

NEWSLETTER

Hawg Hawlers Bass Club of St. Louis

(July, 1996)

Last Tournament (Pomme)...

Mechanical difficulties was the order of business for the (late) June tournament this year. We had trim problems, lost trolling motor props, kill switches tripped, flat tires, bent props, dead weigh scale batteries, and many other problems. Most anglers found a few fish, although keepers were a little more difficult to locate.

Tournament Totals (breakdown on attached sheet)

<u>YEAR</u>	<u># of Fish</u>	<u>TOTAL Weight</u>	<u># of BOATS</u>	<u>1st Place</u>	<u>BIG Bass</u>
1996	53	79.24	19	17.88	6.34

24 of 37 anglers weighed in fish.

Hours/keeper 8.4 hours.

Ave angler 1-2 fish @ 1.5 pounds

7 dead fish, 3 short fish = 3.25 lbs total penalties.

1st Place Jerry/Chris Oberbeck

12 fish - 17.88 lbs

points - 10 each

prize: \$ 186.00

pattern: 6" Red Shad Worms, Carolina rigged.

2nd Place (tie) Cullen/Lankin

4 fish - 8.11 lbs

points - 7 each

prize: \$ 108.50

pattern: Red Shad Worms on Main Lake Pts

2nd Place (tie) Mertz (Scott)

2 fish - 8.11 lbs

points - 7

prize: \$ 108.50

pattern: 11" Power Worm on Bluffs.

4th Place Chiarro/McFetridge

4 fish - 6.85 lbs

points - 4 each

prize: \$ 57.00

pattern: Spinnerbaits, Crankbaits, Lizards

5th Place Robinson/Martin

5 fish - 5.96 lbs

points - 2 each

prize: \$ 34.00

pattern: Blk/Blu Worms, Carolina rigged.

BIG BASS New Club/Lake Record

Scott Mertz 6.34 lbs.

points - 6

prize: \$ 95.00

pattern: 11" Worm on bluffs.

Honorable mention: Reim/Reim 5.89 lbs.

Petero/Reiken 5.86 lbs.

Ray/Berry 5.23 lbs.

Interesting stats: 8 lb Catfish - Dave Sona
8 lb Carp- Greg Heinz

Attendance Prizes

Dennis Creamer	Strike King Hat/Soap
Dave Reiken	Flashlight Set
Greg Heinz	Sunglasses
Ted Reim	Rat-L-Traps (2)
Terry Gross	Road Runners (3)
Larry Berry	Strike King Hat/Soap
Dan Durbin	Road Runners (3)
Steve Rhea	Flashlight Set
Bob Treadway	Free Tournament
Terry Stanek	Free Tournament

Next Tournament (Wapp)...

Wappapello is always a popular tournament with the Hawg Hawlers due to the NO minimum size limit. **386 fish in 3 years** have been weighed in. Remember: **NO CULLING in JULY!!!** But, if you are in need of points, this is the place to get'em. Just make sure that when you put a fish in the livewell, it's there to stay.

Directions to:

Take 55 South to 67 South and watch for signs. Watch the changing speed limit on 67, because the *boys in blue* do.

Hawg Hawlers History (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>
1993	8	11	133	77.28	13.58	4.98
1994	9	15	140	80.24	11.7	3.90
1995	9	13	113	80.12	20.00	4.54

Defending champs are the Reim boys with 15 fish totaling exactly 20 pounds.

Lake Record = 4.89 lbs - Perry Rice - 1993.

Lake (small fish) Record= .08 lbs - T. O. Jr.

Top 1st Place Weight = 20 lbs - the Reims.

Greatest quantity of fish in the history of the club, with 140 bass were caught in 1994.

Tournament Directors needed!

Dave Sona still needs tournament directors Remember, it's an additional 2 points. Call Dave at 586-7951.

FROM THE OFFICERS

First of all, we would like to apologize for some of the confusion that took place at the Pomme De Terre tournament. As they say, sometimes good intentions do not necessarily produce good results as in the situation involving the Sunday morning breakfast accommodations. We did realize that a significant number of members were not able to attend the pre-tournament meeting Sunday morning because of breakfast delays. We also thank those members who did make the meeting and acknowledge the fact that they may have endured the inconvenience of a quick breakfast (or no breakfast) in order to attend this meeting.

Secondly, we are sorry for the delay in the Sunday morning weigh-in. We know a lot of you waited in the hot sun to weigh in your fish. Again, we would like to thank those members for their patience.

We have also noticed that participation has increased to a point where we are now faced with a fairly large number of boats. This creates a significant amount of work for the tournament directors in pre-tournament activities. In addition, we do not want to continue to accelerate take-offs at the expense of safety. Therefore you will probably see some major changes in the way take-offs and weigh-ins are conducted starting with the upcoming Wapappello tournament. The officers will be enforcing some rules that have been broken and/or bent in the past tournaments such as:

Keeping fish separate and identifiable per Hawg Hawler Rules 4E and 1F.

Fishing in the **NO FISHING ZONE** with any bait for any type of fish during tournament hours per Hawg Hawler Rules 1D, 2D, and 4D.

The use of the bump board **Prior to the Start of the weigh-in** as per Hawg Hawler Rule in Section E of the Weigh-in Procedures.

Each team must follow the Takeoff Procedures (being present at the Pre-tournament meeting and in the designated take-off area).as outlined in Section C of the tournament rules. Failure to do this could result in forfeiture of takeoff position and/or a 1.5 pound penalty per day of infraction.

If you have any questions concerning any of these or other rules please feel free to talk to any of the officers on hand or call us at home. If for some reason you do not have a copy of the Tournament Rules Form, please see an officer or contact Steve Rhea at 314-970-1542.

Once again, we would like to apologize for the confusion during the last tournament and thank you all for your patience.