

NEWSLETTE R

Hawg Hawlers Bass Club of St. Louis

(August, 1996)

Last Tournament (Wappapello)...

The weather cooperated quite nicely, for a pretty good weekend for our Wappapello tournament. Other than a Saturday evening sprinkle, it was very comfortable. Stained water, light wind, 80-85 water temp, and every boat and every angler, weighed in fish. DON'T YOU WISH YOU WOULD HAVE GONE.

Ranger Rick was earning his pay by ticketing boaters and jetskiers (good), who were not following the rules. Reckless driving and no lights seemed to be the infraction of choice for the weekend. Our club, being the responsible boaters that we are, were ticket free.

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	95	82.53	10	14.78	4.65

Averages (for the tournament):

9.5 fish per boat, 5 per angler

2.5 hours per fish

2 dead fish = .5 lbs total penalties

1st Place Sona/Oberbeck
13 fish - 14.78 lbs
points - 10 each
prize: \$ 113.00
pattern: Pop-R, worms

2nd Place Mertz/Mertz
15 fish - 12.93 lbs
points - 8 each
prize: \$ 77.00
pattern: Buzz baits, hula grubs (chompers)

3rd Place Reiken/Petero
6 fish - 10.30 lbs
points - 6 each
prize: \$ 46.00
pattern: Crankbaits

4th Place O'Connor/Robinson
13 fish - 9.02 lbs
points - 4 each
prize: \$ 24.00
pattern: Blk/blu worms

5th Place Reim/Reim
11 fish - 8.90 lbs
points - 2 each
prize: \$ none
pattern: Blk/blu salt craw

BIG BASS 4.65 - Jay Petero
points - 5
prize: \$ 50.00
pattern: Bronze Shad Rap

Honorable mention

6th 8.89 lbs Stanek/Treadway
7th 7.20 lbs Peck/Martin

Interesting stats

- Karp King - another one, this time a 10 pounder
- One team had a .25 lb (dead fish) penalty which bumped them out of 4th place money and points.

Attendance Prizes

Scott Mertz 2 Loudmouth Crankbaits
Ted Reim Garrity Flashlight Kit
Gary Peck Lumilite Flashlight Kit
Greg Heinz Fisherman's Pliers
Dave Sona 2 Rattle Traps
Steve Mertz 3 pak Roadrunners
Bob Treadway 3 pak Roadrunners

Tournament Director Thanks

Gene and Ted Reim (*finally*) were persuaded to be tournament directors for Wappapello, along with Greg and Mary Ann Heinz. All did a great job (but I may be biased). Also Sal and Joey Valenti and Mike and Dennis Creamer for Pomme De Terre last month. Thanks to some members who are willing to sacrifice a little of their time to help the club.

Next Tournament (Truman)....

Long Shoal Marina, just off highway 7, is the location for the August tournament. This is the second last (points) tournament of the year, and the Angler of the Year race is on. As usual it is not a runaway. It will be another hard fought battle.

Hawg Hawlers History (Truman 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>
1989	6	5	12	29.93	9.35	3.91
1989	8	5	18	44.70	16.16	3.83
1990	5	6	8	16.10	7.99	2.42
1990	7	3	15	31.39	16.71	3.88
1991	6	7	11	23.69	9.88	3.10
1991	7	8	4	7.78	4.36	2.23
1992	6	7	3	8.38	4.64	4.64
1992	8	11	15	38.38	7.59	4.79
1993	5	13	36	97.82	29.36	3.85
1994	5	12	7	16.06	6.82	2.61
1994	10	16	10	26.68	7.60	3.98
1995	8	20	22	53.13	12.80	4.00