

# NEWSLETTER

Hawg Hawlers Bass Club of St. Louis

(February 1997)

## 1997 is here . . . .

Ladies and Gentlemen, the time is here to begin the new fishing season. It's time to brush off the old winter dust, and oil up those reels, wind on some new "reel"ly expensive line, and tie on the latest, greatest, can't live without lure, that is guaranteed to catch you more fish than you can imagine. You need to run down to the boat show and sign on the dotted line for the ultimate fishing machine. Only \$389.99 for the rest of your life, or 25 years (whichever comes later). Oh, by the way you will probably need a new tow vehicle also. Only another \$389.99 lifetime payment. Taxes and title extra.

But seriously folks, 1997 is here and the tournament season is about to begin. In this newsletter, you will find the following:

- 1996 Recap.
- 1997 Tournament Schedule, with dates, times, locations, accommodations, and a tournament registration form.
- 1997 Payout Sheet, showing the new Payout amounts and listing the additional Big Bass Payout.
- 1997 Tournament Rules with membership information sheet. DETACH AND RETURN FORM
- 1997 Points Sheet showing the restructured Points system, which will be in effect this year.
- Apparel order form, for ordering apparel.

Please read these attachments carefully and if there is anything you do not understand, call one of the officers or ask at a tournament. Applicable items will be explained prior to the start of some of the tournaments (like the 2<sup>nd</sup> day Big Bass payout will be explained at Clearwater, since that is the only place it will be relevant)

## **Pick up item:** (left out last month)

At our October Classic Dinner we had a "Cooler of Lures" valued at over \$250.00. Chances were sold to those in attendance and a winner was drawn out of a hat. As if he didn't have enough already, Brian Robinson won the darn thing. I think the only thing he didn't win last year was best female angler. Anyway, congrats to Brian on yet another prize.

Anyone wanting an 8"x10" group photo of the Classic Dinner attendee's please let Greg (or any of the officers) know at 398-4081. The photo's turned out great and show our sponsors list in the background. They are available for \$3.00 each.

**Fill out and send in your  
1997 club membership today.**

## **1996 SPONSORS:**

Let us remember our sponsor/contributors that made available some of the great prizes that were presented at the Classic Dinner and throughout the year. We will continue to support them as they have supported us. Here's hoping that each and every one has a prosperous 1997.

**ABU-GARCIA**  
**BAGLEY BAIT CO.**  
**BILL LEWIS LURES**  
**BLAKEMORE LURES**  
**BROWNING**  
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**FLAMBEAU**  
**G. LOOMIS**  
**GANDER MOUNTAIN**  
**H & R TROPHIES**  
**MANN'S BAIT CO.**  
**MEGA BAIT CO.**  
**MISTER TWISTER**  
**SHIMANO AMERICAN CO.**  
**STRIKE KING**  
**TRU-TURN**

## Next Tournament - Clearwater:

I guess everybody is ready for the Clearwater Tournament. It will be held on March 15<sup>th</sup>, out of Piedmont Park Marina (which will be closed).

### Hawg Hawler History (Clearwater Lake)

YEAR	# of FISH	TOTAL Weight	BOATS	1st Place	BIG Bass
1991	56	39.73	8	11.00	1.64
1992	52	38.02	11	14.77	6.56
1993	14	11.62	9	7.33	2.11
1994	100	84.79	15	16.85	7.00
1995	6	6.63	18	1.93	1.81
1996	63	55.21	19	10.14	2.61

**Defending champs** Dave Jett and Terry Bost caught their 10 fish, and the Big Bass on Red Shad Powerworms

**Lake Record** is 7.00 pounds, by Ron LaGarce. It was caught on a Shad Rap in 1994.

## 1997 Reminder . . .

Don't forget to Re-Up for 1997. We require a Tournament Rules acknowledgment form from each angler PRIOR to fishing a tournament. This is found at the bottom of the Tournament Rules Sheet. Just fill it out, cut it off, attach a check and send it in. No muss no fuss. And it don't hurt either. Then you will be a full fledged member of the 1997 Hawg Hawlers Bass Club. Please remember that we need a different form for each member. So, you husband/wife fishing teams need to send in two forms. OK, one last thing. Be sure to detach the form from the rules. The whole idea of this is to provide each member with his/her own copy of the rules. So, please detach prior to mailing. Thanks, and see you at Clearwater.

Brian will be wearing his **TWO** Sweatshirts and **TWO** Tee shirts, and using his **TWO** new G. Loomis Rods with his **\$250.00 cooler of lures** tied on. Boy, I want to go just to see that.



## "Stretch De Truth"

### department . . .

This may (or may not) be a regular feature of your new and improved NewsLetter. It will feature that world renowned angler/liar Stretch De

Truth. This year Stretch will share some of his wisdom with us. Recently, at the local fishin hole, he was boasting . . .

"Now, I'm not sayin' the Salmon fishing on the Sacramento River has been good this year, but, last week I had to get into the truck and roll up the windows, just to bait my hook."

"And, I'm not sayin' the first Salmon I caught was big, but, after I pulled it out of the water the farmers started farming the shoreline where the water used to be."

"And, I'm not sayin' the second fish I caught was big, but, while I was cleanin it, I found a 1972 Johnson 9.9hp outboard motor inside, still mounted on a jonboat."

## Rumor Mill says . . .

Bass Pro Shops has purchased Belz Mall. The way I heard it, they purchased the whole thing. One section will be used for boats, another for fishin' stuff, then there is the huntin' stuff, and campin stuff, and everythin' else stuff in other places. That's what I heard, yeah it is !!!

# Hawg Hawlers Bass Club Tournament Results

1996 - Year in Review

Month	Lake	# of Boats	# of Fish	Total Weight	Ave Fish (lbs)	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	BIG Bass
March	Clearwater	19	63	55.21	0.88	10.14 lbs	5.40 lbs.	5.13 lbs.	5.00 lbs.	4.45 lbs.			2.61 lbs.
						Dave Jett	Gene Reim	Greg Heinz	Terry Stanek	M. Sylvester			Dave Jett
						Terry Bost	Ted Reim	Steve Rhea	B. Treadway	Dan Durbin			
April	Ozarks	<u>27</u>	19	63.30	3.33	11.18 lbs.	7.75 lbs.	7.42 lbs.	6.99 lbs.	6.18 lbs.	5.52 lbs.	3.42 lbs.	7.12 lbs.
						T. O'Connor	D. Patterson	Terry Bost	Tim Jett	Gary Peck	Tom Clark	Greg Heinz	B. Robinson
						B. Robinson	B. Patterson	Linda Bost	Stan Price	Kathy Peck	T.R. Clark	Steve Rhea	
May	Mark Twain	14	13	31.48	2.42	8.44 lbs.	5.33 lbs.	3.98 lbs.	3.93 lbs.				3.99 lbs.
						S. Chiaurro	Terry Bost	M. Sylvester	Dave Sona				S. Chiaurro
						G. McFetridge	Linda Bost	Dan Durbin	Brian Irwin				
June	Stockton	<u>10</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>57.59</u>	<u>2.13</u>	<u>13.69 lbs.</u>	13.05 lbs.	9.53 lbs.	5.89 lbs.				<u>4.57 lbs.</u>
						Dave Sona	Terry Stanek	Joe Valenti	J. Cochran				Joe Valenti
						Steve Kehrer	B. Treadway	Sal Valenti	K. Cochran				
June	Pomme	<u>19</u>	53	79.24	1.50	17.88 lbs.	8.11 lbs.	8.11 lbs.	6.85 lbs.	5.96 lbs.			<u>6.34 lbs.</u>
						Jerry Oberbeck	Ron Cullen	Scott Mertz	S. Chiaurro	Ron Martin			Scott Mertz
						Chris Oberbeck	Don Lankin	(none)	G. McFetridge	B. Robinson			
July	Wappapello	10	95	82.53	0.87	14.78 lbs.	12.93 lbs.	10.30 lbs.	9.02 lbs.				4.65 lbs.
						Dave Sona	Scott Mertz	Dave Reiken	T. O'Connor				Jay Petero
						J. Oberbeck	Steve Mertz	Jay Petero	B. Robinson				
Aug	Truman	13	10	22.48	2.25	6.50 lbs.	4.26 lbs.	2.46 lbs.	2.36 lbs.				3.66 lbs.
						Gene Reim	T. O'Connor	C. Valenti	Dave Jett				Ted Reim
						Ted Reim	B. Robinson	Ron Cullen	Tim Jett				
Sept	Table Rock	11	10	22.96	2.30	8.32 lbs.	6.32 lbs.	3.88 lbs.	2.29 lbs.				4.08 lbs.
						Dave Jett	T. O'Connor	G. Caskey	Gene Reim				Dave Jett
						(none)	B. Robinson	Larry Berry	Ted Reim				
Totals for 1996		123	290	414.79	15.67								
Averages for 1996		15	36	51.85	1.96								
<b>Bold Underscore indicates Club/Lake Record.</b>													