

# NEWSLETTER

## Hawg Hawlers Bass Club of St. Louis

((March 1997))

### Coldweather Clearwater Lake Results . . . .

The order of the day was long johns, wool socks (2 pair), face masks, gloves and few fish. Two items of note from the Clearwater Tournament were that the lake was true to form. This lake has always been "on a year" then "off a year", and this was it's year to be OFF. And it was, big time. To prove out this point, compare the previous years total catches.

1992	52	fish for	38 pounds.
1993	14	fish for	11 pounds
1994	100	fish for	85 pounds
1995	6	fish for	6.6 pounds
1996	63	fish for	55 pounds
1997	14	fish for	18 pounds

The other item of note here is that we had **25 BOATS**. The second largest tournament in Hawg Hawler History. Congrats to everyone who braved the cold and attempted to catch fish. Those who were successful, are to be commended. Unfortunately, our **49 anglers** could only produce **14 fish** . . . not very impressive from a lake with "no size limit". But, let us not fret, there were plenty of excuses reasons for the lack of big numbers. We were behind a cold front, following 2 days of rain, the lake was 15 foot over pool, it was cold . . . no . . . it was **REAL COLD**, and it was the "**OFF**" year.

### Clearwater Totals (breakdown on attached sheet)

YEAR	# of Fish	TOTAL Weight	# of BOATS	1st Place	BIG Bass
1997	14	17.99	25	3.11	2.03

- 1st Place** Fred Saenger/Eric Neff  
 --- NEW MEMBERS ---  
 2 fish - 3.11 lbs  
 prize: \$ 220.00  
 pattern: Small Red Shad Worms, shallow.
- 2nd Place** Tom O'Connor/Brian Robinson  
 2 fish - 2.91 lbs.  
 prize: \$ 164.00  
 pattern: Chart roadrunner
- 3rd Place** Ted Reim/Gene Reim  
 2 fish - 2.68 lbs.  
 prize: \$ 118.00  
 pattern: Black/Blue Salt Craw.
- 4th Place** Dave Sona/Gary Eubanks  
 2 fish - 2.42 lbs.  
 prize: \$ 96.00  
 pattern: Carolina rigged grub.

**5th Place** Ron Martin/Mike Sperla  
 1 fish - 2.03 lbs.  
 prize: \$ 70.00  
 pattern: Jig & Pig

**6th Place** Gary Peck/Ryan Peck  
 2 fish - 1.78 lbs.  
 prize: \$ 52.00  
 pattern: Shad rap.

**7th Place** Rick Armstrong/Warren Lichius  
 1 fish - 1.53 lbs.  
 prize: \$ 30.00  
 pattern: Spinnerbait.



**BIG BASS (1<sup>st</sup>)** 2.03 lbs - Ron Martin  
 prize: \$ 125.00  
 pattern: Jig & Pig.  
**Big Bass (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) Tie** at 1.85 lbs.  
 Fred Saenger and Tom O'Connor  
 prize: \$ 62.50 (each)

Due to the weight TIE the second and third place money was split 50/50.

Honorable mention goes to everyone else who caught a fish.  
 Steve Williams - 1.11  
 Dave Jett - .42



**Smallest BASS** .42 lbs - Dave Jett  
 prize: Nothin'  
 pattern: Undisclosed.  
**Smallest Bass Lake Record:**  
 .07 lbs . . . anonymous  
 pattern: Undisclosed.

### Last Newsletter . . .

This will be your last newsletter if you haven't sent in your 1997 membership. As we try to keep costs down, we will discontinue NewsLetters to those Last year members who are not This year members. So, to continue the monthly event that we all look forward to . . . just send in your 1997 membership form and fee, and regularly, most of the time, this fine publication will grace the inside of your mailbox.

### **KENTUCKY LAKE - BIG BEAR RESORT - NOTE:**

When you make your reservations at Big Bear Resort on Kentucky Lake, be sure to mention that you are a member of the Hawg Hawlers Bass Club. Because we are using their facility to have our tournament, they are trying to group our lodging and slips together.

## Next Tournament - Ozarks:

Arnold at Rod and Reel Resort is waiting patiently, for April 12/13 when we will be knocking on his door. Last year at the Ozarks we had 27 boats and caught a bunch of fish, with quite a few larger ones, including the Big Bass of 1996. Rod and Reel is booked up tight, but Knotty Pine next door still has openings.

### 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	<b>7.40</b>
1995	6	18	<b>44</b>	<b>98.95</b>	<b>13.67</b>	4.99
1996	4	<b>27</b>	19	63.30	11.18	7.12

**Defending Champs:** Tom O'Connor and Brian Robinson. 3 fish, 11.18 pounds, caught shallow on Carolina rigged worms. Brian caught the Big Bass of 1996 during this tournament - 7.12 lbs. It still is the second largest Bass ever caught in Hawg Hawler History.

Other "biggin's" caught last year included:

Kathy Peck 6.18 lbs;  
Terry Bost 5.08 lbs;  
Tim Jett 4.87 lbs

**Lake Record:** 7.40 pounds, by Gene Reim. This is also the Largest Bass ever caught in a club tournament.

## Bar-B-Que at Stockton...

In an effort to continually improve your fishing enjoyment, we are trying something different this year. At Stockton Lake in June, we will be having the very first Hawg Hawlers Bass Club Bar-B-Que. This will be held at Noon prior to the 2pm Saturday takeoff. This should give us plenty of time to have some lunch, and mingle, prior to the heavy intense competition to follow. The Bar-B-Que will consist of burgers, hot dogs, condiments, buns and chips. You must provide your own drinks. This will be funded with the attendance prize money. That means that "THERE WILL BE NO ATTENDANCE PRIZES AWARDED AT STOCKTON". Tournament prize money will NOT BE AFFECTED in any way. So when you make your plans for Stockton, consider Saturday lunch taken care of.

*Stretch D. Truth* says... This month Ole' Stretch



had this to say... "One day on Toledo Bend I hooked into what must have been a world record bass. After fighting the fish for quite a while, my line got tangled around somethin' under the surface of the water. I

positioned the boat near the snag, and saw a complete automobile just under the surface. This was where my bass was snagged. I stepped out of the boat onto the roof of the car. The bass had apparently swam in through the window of the car. I ran my hand down the line and could feel it tangled around the steering wheel. While I was trying to free the line, that ole' bass rolled the window up on my arm."

Truth may be stranger than fiction, but sometimes it needs to be *'Stretched'*