

NEWSLETTE R

Hawg Hawlers Bass Club of St. Louis

(June 1997)

Kentucky Lake Results

Our first trip to Kentucky Lake was [as usual] a week late. The reports were that the week before our tournament, the fish were jumping in the boats. Many Fish, Big Fish, Hot Action, Great Weather. But, our week, lemme tell ya bout our week. It rained on the way there, it rained while we were there, it rained on the way home. Check the ink on this newsletter, it may be smudged because of all the rain. Accommodations were adequate, although some were cramped, and others had to share their lodging with some creepy crawlies. Big Bear was big all right, but nothing to write home about.

Speaking of the tournament (was I?), only 9 boats signed up to make the trip. And one of those had mechanical problems and didn't make it out of St. Louis, so we officially only had 8 boats. With only the 8 boats, there were not many points to be had.

Of the 19 fish weighed in, only about 5 or 6 were Largemouth, the rest were Kentucky or Spotted Bass (which had no minimum size limit). There was some difficulty determining the difference, and some fish were disallowed at the weigh in. Two fish were dead and all records reflect the .25 pound dead fish penalties, although it didn't make any difference in the standings.

Comparison by day:

Saturday	6 bass	9.38 lbs	2.84 (big bass)
Sunday	13 bass	24.45 lbs	4.59 (big bass)

Kentucky Lake Totals (breakdown on attached sheet)

Year	# of fish	TOTAL weight	# of boats	1 st place	BIG Bass SAT	BIG Bass SUN
1997	19	33.83	8	10.74	2.84	4.59

1st Place Gene/Ted Reim
6 fish - 10.74 lbs
prize: \$ 122.00 (3 points each)
pattern: Blk/Blu salt craw on carolina rig.

2nd Place Jay Petero/Dave Reiken
4 fish - 8.13 lbs.
prize: \$ 70.00 (2 points each)
pattern: Bronze Shad Rap.

3rd Place Terry Stanek/Bob Treadway
4 fish - 6.03 lbs.
prize: \$ 48.00 (1 points each)
pattern: Blk/Blu salt craw on carolina rig.

BIG BASS (Sat) 2.84 lbs Greg Heinz

prize: \$ 40.00 and 2 points.

pattern: Blk/blu Jig/Pig.

BIG BASS(Sun) 4.59 lbs-Jay Petero

prize: \$ 40.00 and 2 points.

pattern: Shad Rap.



Other "BIGGINS" worth noting. 5.8 pound catfish that was dumb enough to hit a salt craw.



Smallest BASS Award

.54 lbs - Dave Reiken

Shad Rap

The "smallest" bass this month kept Dave from getting the "Coat-Tails award below.

☺ ☺ Coat-tails Award ☺ ☺

Also referred to as the "Netter of the Month".

No question this month. We proudly present this award tooooo . . . drum roll . . . Terry Stanek, for his outstanding accomplishment of riding Bob's coattails into third place. Oh yeah, and being the best net man of the tournament.



Correction regarding BBQ

The Newsletter has been stating the times incorrectly for the Stockton tournament. Please go by your schedule. The correct take off time for Saturday is 2:30 pm, and weigh in is at 8:30.

Bar-B-Que at Stockton. . .

When: **Noon - Saturday June 28th**

Where: **Marina parking lot - far end.**

What: **BBQ burgers/dogs/buns/chips.**

Who: **Club members fishing Stockton tournament.**

Other items: **Bring Your Own Drinks.**

Next Tournament - Stockton...

Last year was our first year at Stockton. It was a good year that produced many fish that don't show up in the totals below. There were a lot of fish caught. In practice there were a couple of 4 pounders caught. Not only that but the fish were hittin' everything you threw at them. It was a great time to be a fisherman.

Hawg Hawler History (Stockton Lake)

YEAR	MO	# of Boats	TOTAL Fish	TOTAL Weight	1st Place	BIG Bass
1996	6	10	27	57.59	13.69	4.57

Defending Champs: Dave Sona and Steve Kehrer. They weighed in 7 fish for a total of 13.69 lbs. Their fish were caught shallow on purple worms and jerkbaits.

Lake Record: Set last year, and very reachable, Joe Valenti is worried about his 4.57 pound club/lake record. Joe caught his lunker on a wiggle wart.

A Correction regarding the Correction:

Last month there was supposed to be a correction enclosed with the newsletter regarding the "Top Ten Lists" (which have grown some). As with most publications of a magnitude such as ours, there was a miscommunication between the writers, editors, typesetters, and delivery personnel. But, with luck, this month that correction will actually be included as originally planned.

Q. "Why do you fish?"

A. "BECAUSE . . .

- ...because I never think about work when I'm fishing, but often think about fishing while I'm at work.
- ...because many years ago my father taught me how to bait a hook, how to tie a knot, and how to back up a trailer; I want to pass that legacy on to my son.
- ...because I'd otherwise never know that 5 am existed.

Stretch D. Truth says . . . "Last year I was fishing and



having very little luck. After about 3 hours without a bite I got an idea. There was a dead carp floating in the water just off the bank. I figured hey! Cut bait works why not a stinky dead carp! I tied on a 6/0 gamakatsu hook on some 40lb spiderwire and saturated it with big-bass garlic

scent (like it needed more stink); and sent it to the bottom with four 5oz. bell weights. I sat back at the console watching my depth finder and in a matter of minutes the drag on my reel started smoking. There was no need to set the hook. Never in my life had I felt a pull like that. I was running out of line fast and I had to start moving before my line broke or my rod snapped. I cut the anchor line and started the chase with my trolling motor on high. I followed and fought for about 45 minutes when I lost my balance and fell overboard. The line had tangled around my arm and the next thing I knew I was being pulled deeper & deeper down into the frigid depths. I blacked out for just a moment, and when I came to, I was in a very dark, cold and damp place, that smelled like fish. I pulled a flashlight out of my pocket, slipped and dropped it. As I fumbled my way around to find it, I bumped into a very old man. I asked him to help me find my flashlight and maybe we could find our way out. He said there was no way out, he had been looking for thousands of years. He also said his name was Noah."

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

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