

# NEWSLETTER

## Hawg Hawlers Bass Club of St. Louis

(July, 1997)

### Stockton Lake Results . . . .

Last year we had a great year for our first visit to Stockton Lake. This year was nearly the same. There were schools of fish boiling up everywhere. The only problem was that the fish were nearly all 14 to 14.999" long. This year keepers were harder to find, with 21 boats catching 29 keepers. But those schooling bass sure were fun.

The BBQ came off without a hitch. The officers served up a meal fit for a King (or a Tyson). Burgers, Italian sausage, cole slaw, potato salad, and enough chips for the county. We even took a plate of burgers down to the Marina for the dock workers. No one got (real) sick, so I guess it was a success. There were many requests that we do this at every tournament. The officers will discuss this (yeah, sure they will!).

#### Comparison by day:

Saturday	18 bass	30.92 lbs	3.59 (big bass)
Sunday	11 bass	22.89 lbs	5.03 (big bass)

#### Stockton Lake Totals (breakdown on attached sheet)

Year	# of fish	TOTAL weight	# of boats	1 <sup>st</sup> place	BIG Bass SAT	BIG Bass SUN
1997	29	53.81	21	9.38	3.59	5.03

**1st Place** Dave Sona/Jerry Oberbeck  
6 fish - 9.38 lbs  
prize: \$ 200.00 (6 points each)  
pattern: Slugo, schooling bass, Maze creek

**2nd Place** John Maness/Larry Tidwell  
4 fish - 8.89 lbs.  
prize: \$ 150.00 (5 points each)  
pattern: Zara Spook, schoolers, main points

**3rd Place** Jay Petero/Bill Enright  
2 fish - 7.75 lbs.  
prize: \$ 106.00 (4 points each)  
pattern: Chug bug, schoolers, 2<sup>nd</sup> cove over

**4th Place** Terry Stanek/Bob Treadway  
3 fish - 4.41 lbs.  
prize: \$ 80.00 (3 points each)  
pattern: Sassy shad, spnrbt, schoolers, Maze

**5th Place** Tom O'Connor/Brian Robinson  
2 fish - 3.50 lbs.  
prize: \$ 58.00 (2 points each)  
pattern: Worm, schoolers, Maze creek

**6th Place** Bryan Walker/Jim Fanter  
2 fish - 3.48 lbs.  
prize: \$ 36.00 (1 point each)  
pattern: Zara pup, schoolers, main points



**BIG BASS (Sat) 3.59 lbs John Maness**  
prize: \$ 105.00 and 2 points.  
pattern: Zara Spook, points.

### NEW CLUB/LAKE RECORD

**BIG BASS (Sun) 5.03 lbs Bill Enright**  
prize: \$ 105.00 and 2 points.  
pattern: Chug bug, 2<sup>nd</sup> cove.

#### Other "BIGUNS" worth noting.

14.21 pound catfish caught by Larry Berry.  
12.74 pound catfish caught by Dave Sona.

#### Smallest BASS Award

**1.24 lbs - Kevin Cochran**

The "smallest" bass this month was one of the few smallmouth's that was weighed in.



#### ☺ ☺ Coat-tails Award ☺ ☺

...or the "Netter of the Month"...

Larry Tidwell walks away with this one, for netting all of John's fish, and helping him into 2nd place (NOT). Congrats Larry.

### Next Tournament - Pomme De Terre . . .

Pomme has always been good to the Hawg Hawlers. Some of our biggest weights have come from this 13" limit lake. Now we have to remember that there is no culling. This one should be fun, as Pomme usually is.

#### Hawg Hawler History (Pomme De Terre)

YEAR	MO	# of Boats	TOTAL Fish	TOTAL Weight	1st Place	BIG Bass
1992	7	9	16	17.87	4.14	1.54
1993	7	18	26	37.45	10.10	3.55
1994	7	14	88	133.87	31.25	2.68
1995	7	16	42	77.48	21.09	3.47
1996	7	19	53	79.24	17.88	6.34

**Defending champs** are Jerry and Chris Oberbeck. They caught their fish on 6" red shad worms on Carolina rigs. **Club/Lake Record** was broken in 1996. The record now stands at 6.34 pounds, caught by Scott Mertz. Scott's fish was caught on an 11" worm off the bluffs.

**Top 1st Place Weight (ever, at any lake)** is 31.25 pounds (20 fish) by Gary McFetridge and Terry Hanie in 1994. They caught their fish on cranks, worms and topwater (some help, huh).

**Smallest BIG Bass (ever, at any lake)** is 1.54 pounds by an anonymous angler in July of 1992.

**Highest Total Tournament Weight (ever, at any lake)** for a tournament is 133.87 pounds in July of 1994. Most fish were caught shallow on purple worms and jerkbaits.

**Golf anyone?** There will be some of our club members playing golf on Saturday afternoon at Pomme De Terre Golf and Country Club. If you are interested, bring your clubs. Green fees - \$12.70 - 9 holes, cart - \$10.60. No reserved tee times, they work on a first come - first served basis.



**Q. "Why do you fish?"**

**A. "BECAUSE . . ."**

- ...because - the feeling of a tug on a line is hardwired to the pleasure center of my brain,
- ...because - otherwise I would never get to use the word "modulus",
- ...because - on the water, a bag of cookies and half a tube of Pringles is a well balanced lunch

**WANT-DON'T WANT ADD'S:**

Anyone needing anything (fishing related), or wanting to dump sell anything, just drop me a line and we can list your wants or don't want's here.

*Stretch D. Truth* says . . . "I knew a couple of guys that were out fishin' under the highway 10 overpass on Big Liar Lake. One of them looked up and saw a funeral procession going by. He immediately stood up at attention and placed his cap over his heart. His buddy saw this and said "You sure show a lot of respect for the dead". To which the first guy said, "Well, after being married to her for forty years-I gotta show **SOME** respect."



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

