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Hawg Hawlers Bass Club of St. Louis

Truman Results

The Angler of the Year race is OVER. We will discuss that later, right now let's talk about Truman Lake. Truman was rather stingy this year. It only gave up 12 keepers during the tournament. There were only a couple more in practice. The marina said the cold front shut them down, but I don't remember a cold front coming through. No patterns were apparent. Overall pretty tough fishing.

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Saturday		8 bass	22.17 lbs		4.46 (big bass)	
Sunday		4 bass	9.69 lbs		3.74 (big bass)	
Trum	an Lal	ke Totals	(breakd	own on a	attached she	eet)
	# of	TOTAL	# of	1**	BIG Bass	BIG Bass
Year	fish	weight	boats	place	SAT	SUN
1997	12	31.86	18	8.20	4.46	3.74
1st Place		Carmine Valenti/Jim Binsbacher				
		2 fish	1 - 8.20			
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prize: \$ 188.00 (5 points each) pattern: 11" black or red shad worms

- 2nd Place Terry Stanek/Bob Treadway 2 fish - 5.58 lbs. prize: \$ 138.00 (4 points each) pattern: Mann's baby 1 minus
- 3rd Place Greg Heinz/Bob Ray 1 fish - 4.18 lbs. prize: \$ 96.00 (3 points each) pattern: 11" black/red worms
- 4th Piace Dave Jett/Cheryl Torrens 1 fish - 2.30 lbs. prize: \$ 70.00 (2 points each) pattern: Red shad worm
- 5th Place Gene Reim/Teddy Reim 1 fish - 2.27 lbs. prize: \$ 48.00 (1 point each) pattern: Black double blade buzzbait



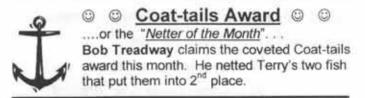
BIG BASS (Sat) 4.46 lbs Carmine Valenti prize:\$90.00and 2 points pattern: Black worm BIG BASS (Sun) 3.74 lbs Jim Binsbacher prize:\$90.00and 2 points pattern: Red shad worm

These guys made a real hawl this month. \$188 for 1st place, plus \$90 Sat Big Bass, plus \$90 Sun Big Bass, plus another BB pool. What a way to end the year.

Smallest BASS Award

1.58 lbs - Tom O'Connor Last month partner Brian won this award. Not to be outdone, Tom showed his determination to have the last word, by winning this month.





October Classic - Stockton Lake ...

Ok, once again this is how we work the Classic. BEFORE the tournament all boaters will draw a NON-boaters name as their WEIGH-IN partner. YOU WILL FISH WITH THE PERSON YOU CAME WITH, but you will weigh in with your draw partner. Anyone fishing alone, will not have a partner (not even if there are two anglers fishing alone). Stockton was a ball in June. It cannot possibly repeat the numbers of fish (mostly small, but some great action), but it should be fun anyway. And it's FREE. Prizes will be \$200 for 1st place (\$100 per angler). There will be \$50.00 for the Big Bass of the <u>WEEKEND</u>. There will also be one attendance prize of \$50.00 awarded. Reservations are required by October 8th. Just mail in the

Reservations are required by October 8^{°°}. Just mail in the enclosed form with your two names. No fee required. New members for this tournament will be required to join the club (\$15) and pay for the tournament (\$25).

Defending champs are Dave Sona and Jerry Oberbeck. In June these guys brought in 6 keepers for a weight of 9.38 lbs. Their fish were caught out of schools using Sluggo's.

Lake Record was set just 4 months ago by new member Bill Enright. Bill made his presence known real quick with a nice 5.03 pound lunker, caught on a chug bug.

Top 1st Place Weight is 13.69 lbs in June of 1996 by Dave Sona and Steve Kehrer. Their fish were caught on purple worms and jerkbaits fished real shallow.

Classic Dinner Info

Reservations are required.

There will be attendance prizes for all 1997 club members attending the dinner. See enclosed flyer for more details.

"Stretch D. Truth" says . . . "Boudreaux and



Thibodreaux went on a fishing trip. They rented all of their equipment, rods, reels, waders, rowboat, cabin. They spent a fortune. The first day they caught nothing. The second day

they caught nothing. The third day they caught nothing. On the fourth and last day of their trip, Boudreaux finally caught a fish. As they were driving home they were really depressed. Boudreaux said, "you know Thibodreaux, that one lousy fish costs us \$1,500". To which Thibodreaux replied, "Boy, I'm glad we didn't catch any more!"".

> Iruth may be stranger than fiction, but sometimes it needs to be 'Stretched'

<u>Angler of the Year Prize</u> <u>Big Bass of the Year Prize</u>

Due to the fact that these two prizes have been won by the same person, the officers are going to revise the prize packages for the Angler of the Year and Big Bass of the Year. When a decision is made it will be announced.

WANNA BE A CLUB OFFICER????

We are looking for a few good men or women who consider themselves officer material for the Hawg Hawlers 1998 Officers. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact one of this years officers. Officer nominations will be taken up to and including the Classic Dinner. In the event of more than one volunteer for a position, the election of 1998 officers will be held at the Classic Dinner

<u>1997 Angler of the Year</u> <u>1997 Big Bass of the Year</u>

Terry Stanek

Consistency in production, cooperation of a good partner and involvement in the club. Those are the key elements in the formula for becoming Angler of the Year. The Hawg Hawlers Bass Club has plenty of very good anglers who nearly won this award this year. But after all the points were tallied Terry had the right combination of factors to win. Lets take them one at a time:

Consistency in production: This year Terry finished 2nd at Truman Lake in September, 3nd at Kentucky Lake in June, 4th at Stockton Lake also in June, 5th at Lake of the Ozarks in April. He had Big Bass both days at Lake of the Ozarks in April, which included the BIG Bass of the Year for 1997 (and also the second biggest). He had a creel total of 10 fish caught at 4 different lakes in the 8 tournaments he fished. Terry has always been a consistent performer, having won the Angler of the Year race every year since then.

Cooperation of a good partner: No one can achieve this level of excellence without a good partner, and Terry has a good one in his brother-in-law Bob. As a matter of fact Bob was leading in the Angler of the Year standings going into the last tournament. As luck would have it Terry was the one to catch the fish that won him this title. It could have just as easily been Bob who got bit. Two partners cooperating and finishing number 1 and number 2 out of our 94 participating anglers. **Involvement in the club.** Terry has been active in the club since he first came on the scene. He has served as President and Chief Tournament Director. He always volunteers to be a tournament director at out club tournaments. And many other times, that most of the club is not aware of, he has volunteered his time and services to help this club become successful.

Congratulations Terry on your well deserved awards