

NEWSLETTER

Hawg Hawlers Bass Club of St. Louis

(December 1997)

I have been trying to come up with a really good excuse for the newsletter being this late, and the best thing I could come up with is that I was going to use this newsletter to bridge between 1997 and 1998. That sounds pretty good, and if you believe it, all the better. But actually I just didn't get around to it until now. And now ladies and gentlemen . . . on with the newsletter.

Stockton "Classic" Results . . .

A total of 14 boats came out to the Classic Tournament this year. Tom McGraw came alone, fished alone, and won alone. Tom picked up first place money and Big Bass as well, for a good nest egg to spend over the winter. Totals listed below.

Comparison by day:

Saturday	6 bass	10.44 lbs	
Sunday	5 bass	10.00 lbs	2.26 (big bass)

Truman Lake Totals

Year	# of fish	TOTAL weight	# of boats	1 st place	BIG Bass SAT	BIG Bass SUN
1997	11	20.44	14	4.12	n/a	2.26

1st Place Tom McGraw
2 fish - 4.12 lbs
prize: \$ 100.00
pattern: Rattle Trap, shallow.

Note: Only one Big Bass award was presented for the Biggest Bass of the Tournament.

BIG BASS 2.26 lbs Tom McGraw
prize: \$50.00
pattern: Rattle Trap - shallow.



Special mention:

There was an "unofficial" pool that was held at the Stockton Tournament. This was a "voluntary" Big Bass pool, that was separate from the club's big bass pool. It was won by Donna Creamer with her 2.20 lb lunker.

Sponsors:

Please help support the companies that help us give away nearly \$1800 in attendance prizes at the Awards Banquet. They are: **G-Loomis, Cabela's, Berkley, Rubbermaid, Mann's Bait Co., Storm Lures, Tru-Turn, Poe's Crankbaits and Hart Lures.**

Awards Banquet Info

If you didn't come to the Awards Banquet, you missed out on more than just a meal. We presented the Angler of the Year award and the Big Bass award to Terry Stanek for his outstanding performance this past year. Terry received TWO traveling trophies, TWO G-Loomis rods, and a custom designed jacket (just ONE jacket). Terry said that he couldn't have won this year, without the help of a good partner. To show his appreciation, he gave one of the rods he won, to his partner, Bob Treadway (Bob finished 2nd in the Angler of the Year race).

Note To Terry: There are 96 anglers out there who plan to strip you of your titles next year. Be ready.

1998 Officers

Another event that happens at this yearly function is the election of officers for the upcoming year. Once again, we were lucky enough to find 5 unwitting, unknowing "volunteers" for the 1998 fishing season. Additional nominations were open to the floor, but no one else spoke up. So, by acclamation, our 1998 officers will be:

president	Greg Heinz	398-4081
vice pres	Tom O'Connor	938-3160
secretary	Gary Eubanks	586-4067
treasurer	Ron Martin	522-8018
"T" chairman	Rick Armstrong	629-3858

With the retirement of Mr. Tomasiak from the Treasurer position we will be sending our dues and fees to the "new guy" (officerwise). So remember to mail everything to Ron this year. Now that Mark is no longer treasurer, if you send money to him, he will probably just keep it (just kidding Mark). Documents will be updated to show Ron's address.

While we are on the subject we all should give a very heartfelt thanks to the 1997 officers. Many obstacles were encountered and managed by our 1997 staff. We had a tournament with 31 boats (a 47% increase over our largest tournament ever). Average tournament attendance was up 19%. We went to Kentucky Lake, where we had to determine the proper way to deal with different size limits. We had our first Bar-B-Que, which came off pretty well (translation: no botchalism). We also had about a 40% increase in attendance at the Awards Banquet. All in all a pretty great year. So, Dave, Tom and Mark, thanks for giving your time to make '97 the success it was. Hopefully, we can do as well in 1998.

A quick thanks to all 1997 tournament directors, Terry Stanek, Bob Treadway, Steve Rhea, Gene Reim and anyone I forgot to mention for helping behind the scenes.

We presented nearly **\$1800** worth of attendance prizes. Prize list is below.

Awards Banquet Attendance Prize List

value	description	won by
\$155	G. Loomis Casting Rod	Gene Reim
\$120	Duck's Unlimited Framed Print	Nick Tomasiak
\$90	Diawa Procaster *S* Reel	Harold Barrick
\$90	Diawa Procaster *S* Reel	Terry Stanek
\$90	Diawa Procaster *S* Reel	Rick Armstrong
\$85	Quantum Tour Spinning Rod	Terry Bost
\$55	Fenwick *Heartland* Casting Rod	Tom O'Connor
\$55	Fenwick *Heartland* Casting Rod	Jim Binsbacher
\$50	Shimano *Compre* Casting Rod	John Maness
\$50	Shimano *Compre* Casting Rod	Linda Bost
\$50	Cardinal 1301FT Spinning Reel	Kathy Peck
\$50	Cardinal 1301FT Spinning Reel	Rich Northway
\$50	Garcia AXXAR 500 Casting Reel	Jim Hood
\$50	Garcia AXXAR 500 Casting Reel	Guy Gosnel
\$50	Garcia AXXAR 500 Casting Reel	Steve Rhea
\$50	Garcia AXXAR 500 Casting Reel	Rick Armstrong
\$34	Berkley Power Bait/Manns Worms	Scott Mertz
\$33	Coleman Spotlight/Pocketknife	Greg Heinz
\$33	Coleman Spotlight/Pocketknife	Mary Ann Heinz
\$30	Travel Bag	Mark Tomasiak
\$30	Travel Bag	Brian Robinson
\$26	Video/Pliers/Hooks	Ted Reim
\$26	Video/Pliers/Hooks	Dan Durbin
\$26	Video/Pliers/Hooks	Gary Eubanks
\$26	2pk Berkley FIRELINE	Hank Bradford
\$24	Zoom Lizard Kit	Pam Wakim
\$24	Zoom Lizard Kit	Ed Gagnor
\$23	Crankbait Box & Marker Bouys	LaDon Eubanks
\$23	Crankbait Box & Marker Bouys	Tom McGraw
\$23	Crankbait Box & Marker Bouys	Carmine Valenti
\$21	Poe's Crankbait Kit	Don Lankin
\$20	Mann's Crankbait Kit	Ron Cullin
\$20	Mann's Crankbait Kit	Dave Jett
\$20	Mann's Crankbait Kit	Ed Gagnor
\$20	Coleman Cooler Combo	Teddy Reim
\$20	Coleman Cooler Combo	Fred Saenger
\$20	Storm Lure Kit	Ron Martin
\$20	Storm Lure Kit	Bob Treadway
\$20	Storm Lure Kit	Gary Peck
\$19	Igloo Cooler Combo	Eric Neff
\$18	Shakespeare Tackle Bag	Steve Armstrong
\$18	Shakespeare Tackle Bag	Bob Snell
\$18	Shakespeare Tackle Bag	Cheryl Torrens

\$1,775 Total Prize Value

Some of the more observant readers of this fine publication will undoubtedly notice that some names appear more than once in the previous listing. The reason for this is that some of our members, had some unforeseen circumstances and could not make it to the dinner. This gave us an imbalance of prizes and members. Since the money was already spent, it was decided that after everyone's name was presented a prize, all the names would go back into the hat and the last few prizes would be drawn again. This worked out well for a couple of our luckier members who received more than one prize. You will just have to look at the list to determine who they are (wasn't me).

1997 Survey

Our year end survey presented us with some interesting information once again. Our officers looked over this information, and made some decisions for 1998. Briefly, the changes include the following (more details later):

- 1) 9 competition tournaments (no classic).
- 2) 2 B-B-Q's (probably June and Sept).
- 3) 2 Ozarks tournaments.
- 4) 2 Truman tournaments.
- 5) Table Rock is back (Sept).
- 6) NO MARK TWAIN or KENTUCKY tournaments.
- 7) The dues and fees will remain the same.
- 8) There will be 3 morning/morning tournaments.
- 9) There will only be one Big Bass award for Clearwater. The money for the second day Big Bass pool will help fund the B-B-Q's.
- 10) There were some minor changes made to the Points Sheet and the Tournament Rules. These will be distributed with the next newsletter. Please read them carefully because by joining the club in 1998, you are acknowledging that you have read, understand, and will abide by, those rules.

1998 Schedule (tentative)

Mar 28	Clearwater	1day	
Apr 18/19	Ozarks	2days	
May 16/17	Truman	2days	
Jun 6/7	Stockton	2days	BBQ
Jun 27/28	Pomme	2days	am/am
Jul 18/19	Wapp	2days	am/am
Aug 15/16	Truman	2days	am/am
Sep 12/13	Table Rock	2days	BBQ
Oct 10/11	Ozarks	2days	

With any kind of luck, the next news will be out toward the end of January. That will be the only newsletter before the March tournament.

Good Luck and Good Fishin' - *The Hawk Hawler.*

1997 - Year in Review

Hawg Hawlers Bass Club Tournament Results

Month	Lake	# of Boats	# of Fish	Total Wght	Ave Wght	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	Saturday BIG Bass	Sunday BIG Bass
March	Clwater	25	14	17.99	1.29	3.11 lbs Fred Saenger Eric Neff \$221.00	2.91 lbs Tom O'Connor Brian Robinson \$164.00	2.68 lbs Gene Reim Ted Reim \$118.00	2.42 lbs Dave Sona Gary Eubanks \$96.00	2.03 lbs Ron Martin Mike Sperla \$70.00	1.78 lbs Gary Peck Ryan Peck \$52.00	1.83 lbs R Armstrong Warren Lichius \$30.00		2.03 lbs Ron Martin \$125.00	
April	Ozarks	<u>31</u>	64	<u>212.99</u>	3.33	28.1 lbs Dave Jett Tim Jett \$242.00	21.14 lbs Greg Heinz Bob Ray \$184.00	19.67 lbs G McFetridge Steve Chiaurro \$138.00	17.55 lbs Larry Berry Steve Williams \$116.00	17.28 lbs Terry Stanek Bob Treadway \$90.00	16.46 lbs Dave Sona Brian Simler \$70.00	8.55 lbs Bob Snell \$54.00	8.33 lbs M Tomasiak Greg Dix \$36.00	7.2 lbs Terry Stanek \$155.00	7.1 lbs Terry Stanek \$155.00
May	Mk Twain	15	5	15.22	3.04	11.02 lbs Steve Chiaurro G McFetridge \$168.00	2.20 lbs Tim Jett Stan Price \$120.00	2.00 lbs Ron Martin Mike Sperla \$80.00	no winner \$52.00	no winner \$30.00				4.41 lbs Steve Chiaurro \$75.00	2.00 lbs Mike Sperla \$75.00
June	Kentucky	8	19	33.83	1.78	10.74 lbs Gene Reim Ted Reim \$122.00	8.13 lbs Jay Petero Dave Reiken \$70.00	6.03 lbs Terry Stanek Bob Treadway \$48.00						2.84 lbs Greg Heinz \$40.00	<u>4.59 lbs</u> Jay Petero \$40.00
June	Stockton	21	29	53.81	1.86	9.38 lbs Dave Sona Jerry Oberbeck \$200.00	8.89 lbs John Maness Larry Tidwell \$150.00	7.75 lbs Jay Petero Dave Reiken \$106.00	4.41 lbs Terry Stanek Bob Treadway \$80.00	3.5 lbs Tom O'Connor Brian Robinson \$58.00	3.48 lbs Bryan Walker Jim Fanter \$36.00			3.59 lbs John Maness \$105.00	<u>5.03 lbs</u> Bill Enright \$105.00
July	Pomme	17	17	25.65	1.51	4.64 lbs Tom Clark \$182.00	4.47 lbs Ray Hawkins Terry Gross \$132.00	3.68 lbs Rich Eder Grant Schreer \$90.00	2.62 lbs Tom Creamer Donna Cremer \$64.00	2.39 lbs Bryan Walker Jim Fanter \$42.00				1.66 lbs Brian Robinson \$85.00	3.39 lbs Terry Gross \$85.00
Aug	Wapp	16	104	98.51	0.95	12.50 lbs R Armstrong Frank Musial \$174.00	11.39 lbs Tom O'Connor Brian Robinson \$128.00	9.99 lbs Terry Stanek Bob Treadway \$86.00	9.71 lbs Fred Saenger Eric Neff \$58.00	9.16 lbs Ron Martin Rich Northway \$36.00				4.86 lbs Steve Williams \$80.00	4.03 lbs Guy Gosnell \$80.00
Sept	Truman	18	12	31.86	2.66	8.20 lbs Carmine Valenti Jim Binsbacher \$188.00	5.58 lbs Terry Stanek Bob Treadway \$138.00	4.18 lbs Greg Heinz Bob Ray \$96.00	2.30 lbs Dave Jett Cheryl Torrens \$70.00	2.27 lbs Gene Reim Teddy Reim \$48.00				4.46 lbs Carmine Valenti \$90.00	3.74 lbs Jim Binsbacher \$90.00

Totals for 1997 151 264 489.86 16.40
 Averages for 1997 19 33 61.23 2.05

Bold Underscore indicates Club/Lake Record.

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