

NEWSLETTER

Hawg Hawlers Bass Club of St. Louis

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Clearwater Results

Ok, quickly now, Clearwater broke our tradition. Two bad years in a row. This is terrible. I'm thinking of the few members of our club who want to put a minimum size on this lake. It's probably a good thing we didn't have one or we would have only paid 1 or 2 places. It seems there were a number of teams who misinterpreted our life jacket rule (see rule review later in this newsletter). Let's let Clearwater serve as a reminder that maybe we need to reacquaint ourselves with the rules that we all agreed to by signing our club membership form. Now.....on with the show.

Clearwater Lake Totals (breakdown on attached sheet)

Year	# of fish	TOTAL weight	# of boats	1 st place	BIG Bass SAT	BIG Bass SUN
1998	20	25.25	19	8.36	2.52	n/a

1st Place Berry/Elders
6 fish - 8.36 lbs
prize: \$ 164.00 (5 points each)
pattern: Chartreuse spinnerbaits.

2nd Place Reim/Reim
5 fish - 7.59 lbs.
prize: \$ 142.00 (4 points each)
pattern: White spinnerbaits.

3rd Place Clark/Clark
2 fish - 2.98 lbs.
prize: \$ 110.00 (3 points each)
pattern: Chartreuse spinnerbaits.

4th Place O'Connor/Robinson
1 fish - 1.83 lbs.
prize: \$ 88.00 (2 points each)
pattern: Chartreuse spinnerbaits.

5th Place Stanek/Treadway
1 fish - 1.42 lbs.
prize: \$ 66.00 (1 point each)
pattern: White spinnerbaits.



BIG BASS (Sat) 2.52 lbs - Gene Reim
prize: \$ 95.00 and 2 points.
pattern: Chartreuse Spinnerbait
shallow, clear water

Smallest BASS Award

.37 lbs - Fred Saenger
Nobody cares what he caught it on.
But it was worth a point.



☺ ☺ Coat-tails Award ☺ ☺

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

Brian Robinson

Next Tournament - Oz

Rod and Reel Resort will host the April tournament at Lake of the Ozarks again this year. As of this writing, the lake is 6 feet low and this may cause us some launching problems, but as usual, we'll get around it somehow.

Hawg Hawler History (Lake of the Ozarks)

YEAR	Mo	# of Boats	TOTAL L 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	7.40
1995	6	18	44	98.95	13.67	4.99
1996	4	27	19	63.30	11.18	7.12
1997	4	31	64	212.99	28.11	7.20

Defending champs are Dave and Tim Jett. Their whopping 28+ lbs came on white and chartreuse spinnerbaits, fished in shallow water. Tim had a 6.91unker to anchor their catch (but it wasn't big enough for big bass).

Big Bass (Sat) 7.2 lbs - Terry Stanek caught on a husky jerk.
Big Bass (Sun) 7.1 lbs - Terry Stanek caught on a jig/pig.

Lake Record is 7.4 lbs by Gene Reim in April, 1995. This is the largest bass in club history. Every year we get close to it, but never beat it. Maybe it's due in 1998.

Stretch D. Truth" says . . .



"Seems there were these two guys who went fishing one Friday. The first thing to go wrong was that they forgot to put in the boat plug. No big deal, most of us have done that. But then because of the wind, they got blown into a

dock and put a big old scratch down the side of their boat. Then when they were motoring up to shore the wind caught them again and the boat driver hit reverse as the other guy toppled off the front end of the boat. Soaking wet, the partner gets the truck and backs down to the water leaving the seat of the truck wet. After they loaded out the boat, the boat driver sits down on the wet seat of the truck, and now he's wet. While the swimmer sits down of the formerly dry passenger's side of the truck. Now both seats in the truck are wet. They go back to "camp" and decide to go get something to eat. Upon their return, in a pouring rain, they find 2" of water in their tent. They climbed into the cab of the truck for a night of blissful slumber, on wet seats, when the storm blew a 16" diameter tree down right in front of their truck, missing the bumper by only inches. And since they had backed their boat and truck into the parking spot, and were now trapped by the tree in front. They had to get the park ranger and a chainsaw to cut up the tree so they could get out of their parking spot. And in case you were wondering - NO they didn't place in the tournament. Just remember boat plugs will be forgotten, scratches can be repaired, and seats will dry out. Years from now this will be remembered with a laugh."

Truth may be stranger than fiction,
but sometimes it needs to be *'Stretched'*
(but not this time)

Rule Clarification . . .

As has been done in the past, we will use this area of the newsletter for a rule clarification. The officers hope the following explanation will eliminate any further confusion.

Wearing of Life Jackets:

Tournament Rule 5C reads as follows:

5C. Participants must wear life jackets, with kill switches attached, when the gasoline engine is running. [2]

This rule was changed over a year ago and was publicized in the club newsletter. The rule specifies that life jackets must be worn "**WHENEVER THE GASOLINE ENGINE IS RUNNING**". This is not to be MIS-interpreted as "on plane" or "in gear" or any other wording. It means whenever the gasoline engine is running BOTH team members must have their life jackets on. If a boat has a kill switch, it is necessary to have it connected to the driver of the boat. On boats without a kill switch it is not necessary. (similar to the present seat belt law) This rule is common in most organizations running tournaments. Our club is growing rapidly, and with that growth, we must establish rules to provide the safest tournaments possible to our members.

You will notice that penalty number 2 (loss of tournament weight for the day) will be assessed if this rule is violated and a complaint is made and verified through the proper procedure. Just to clarify this a little further, if ONE team member is not wearing their life jacket, the **TEAM** weight is lost for the day. This will disallow all fish (including big bass) for that **TEAM** for that day. Please remember to wear your life jackets whenever the gasoline engine is running, and remind your partner to wear theirs also. Tournament directors will be checking.

I believe I speak for all past and present officers when I say that, each and every tournament rule this club has ever adopted, every line written in the by-laws, and all interpretations of those rules and by-laws, were made with the intent of providing our club members with the safest and most enjoyment tournaments possible. It has never been the intent of any officer to inconvenience any member of this club. Obviously, some members will be inconvenienced by this and possibly some other rules. But the rules are necessary to provide the type of tournaments ALL of our members enjoy.