

NEWSLETTER

Hawg Hawlers Bass Club of St. Louis

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Stockton Results . . .

Stockton gave us more fish last year, but this year wasn't without stories to write about. Only 24 fish were weighed in. One was a nice 15" Smallie. And there were rumors of a couple more keepers that didn't make it to weigh in, and even more that didn't make it to the boat. But that's all water under the bridge, so to speak. Total weight was just over 43 pounds. Off from past years. An eventful tournament with action so hot and heavy (on Saturday) that one team reportedly took a nap. I have it on good authority that they will pay dearly for the pictures. Another team was so excited they donated a rod and reel combo to the "lake gods".

Our little 16 boat tournament was sandwiched between a 200 boat "Lumberjack" tournament on Friday and a 100 boat "Guy's & Gal's" tournament on Sunday. Offsetting take off and weigh in times prevented a lot of confusion. Due to the available light at the Saturday night weigh-in, we may run this tournament from 2pm to 8pm next year to allow for more of the evening bite. That would put the BBQ at Noon-ish. The officers will discuss this at the next officers meeting.

The Bar-B-Que was a resounding success. Everyone had plenty to eat and again we bought too many potato chips. A plate of burgers and dogs was delivered to the Marina in appreciation of their allowing us to have the BBQ on their grounds. But they still wouldn't let us fish their honey hole (next to the minnow tank). But seriously we owe a big Hawg Hawler THANKS to the Stockton State Park Marina. Anyone going to Stockton Lake on their own, should stop in an buy something from Doug and the boy's, they run a good show.

Stockton Lake Totals (breakdown on attached sheet)

Year	# of fish	TOTAL weight	# of boats	1" place	BIG Bass SAT	BIG Bass SUN
1998	24	43.03	16	6.61	2.14	2.63

1st Place Terry Stanek/Bob Treadway
4 fish - 6.61 lbs
prize: \$ 140.00 (5 points each)
pattern: Black worms, 5' deep.

2nd Place Brian Robinson/Tom O'Connor
3 fish - 5.60 lbs.

prize: \$ 118.00 (4 points)
pattern: chompers.

3rd Place Greg Heinz/Mary Ann Heinz
2 fish - 4.28 lbs.
prize: \$ 92.00 (3 points each)
pattern: 8" pkseed lizard on c-rig

4th Place Gary Eubanks/Donnie Eubanks
2 fish - 4.10 lbs.
prize: \$ 70.00 (2 points each)
pattern: Chompers.

5th Place Kelly Nollie, J.D. Ketcherside
2 fish - 3.84 lbs.
prize: \$ 60.00 (1 point each)
pattern: White Spinnerbait

BIG BASS (Sat) 2.14 lbs - Gary Eubanks
prize: \$ 80.00 and 2 points.
pattern: chompers

BIG BASS (Sun) 2.63 lbs - Greg Heinz
prize: \$ 80.00 and 2 points.
pattern: 8" pkseed lizard



Smallest BASS Award

1.50 lbs - Tom Creamer
A nice 15" smallie..



☺ ☺ **Coat-tails Award** ☺ ☺
....or the "Netter of the Month"....

Donnie Eubanks

Donnie netted enough keepers for hubby Gary to put them in 5th place and take Big Bass on Saturday.

Club Apparel

We are looking for a new supplier for club hats, tee shirts, coats, etc. If anyone knows a good source for Silkscreen items, please give me a call (Greg 398-4081).

Refunds for Ozarks Tournament

There are a number of teams who we have not heard from, regarding the refunds from the Lake of the Ozarks Tournament. Any team who has not called Ron or Greg, please do so regarding your refund. I am assuming that all teams will request a refund, the "Points" sheet will reflect that. If any team requests otherwise, I will change it back.

Next Tournament - Pomme De Terre Lake . .

Pomme De Terre will provide our next challenge this year. On June 27th we will test our skills against the Pomme bucketmouths. This is our 1st of 3 **MORNING/MORNING** tournaments for this summer. Tournament times for both Saturday and Sunday will be 6am to Noon. Boy if that's not enough excitement for you just wait....For those multi-talented individuals there will also be a "cookie jar" golf tournament on Saturday afternoon. Ron Martin will be hosting this event. Entry's, details and directions will be announced at Saturday's weigh in. So if you are so inclined bring your sticks for a little links action. See you there.

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
1997	6	17	17	25.65	4.64	1.66/3.39

Defending champ is Tom Clark. Tom fished alone in this one because T.R. had to work (gotta get those priorities right T.R.) Tom caught his 2 fish on a Zara Spook, real shallow in Possum Creek.

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 and Highest recorded TEAM weight in a Hawg Hawler tournament: 31.25 pounds (20 fish) by Gary McFetridge and Terry Hanie in 1994. Their fish bit 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. Last year the Green fees were \$12.70 for 9 holes, and a cart was \$10.60. Prices may have increased this year. No reserved tee times, they work on a first come - first served basis.



Ozarks/Spotted Bass Issue :

We had a few minutes at the Bar-B-Que to discuss the Ozarks 12" vs 15" spotted bass issue, and a show of hands was overwhelmingly in favor of keeping our 15" minimum for all Largemouth, Smallmouth and Kentucky Bass.

Tournament Director Shortage!

Do you have your 2 points for serving as Tournament Director this year? You know there is a maximum of 4 points available during the tournament season. Please see the enclosed schedule and notice the right hand column. There you will see many open spots where your name could go. You not only get 2 points for being "T-D", but you get first take off on one of the days of the tournament, not to mention that you are helping out the club. Call Rick "Tournament Chairman" Armstrong and make your reservations soon. After this little advertisement, in this fine publication, the spots will go fast. Open spots include Pomme, Wapp, Table Rock and Ozarks.

Don't you think it's time for a little **Stretch?**

Stretch D. Truth says..... "I knew a guy once... who



said he took a picture of a Bass that was 500000 big that after he took the picture, he couldn't hold up the camera any more and he had to drop it over-board to keep the boat from sinkin."

Stretch some more

Stretch D. Truth says..... "I knew a jet skier once...

who wanted to file a formal complaint with the Water Patrol about the Zara Spook hooks buried in his shoulder. The Water Patrol Officer calmly noted that the jet skier must have been pretty close to the fisherman to get those hooks in his arm. With that the jet skier just walked away without saying another word."

Truth may be stranger than fiction,

but sometimes it needs to be *'Stretched'*

Reminder: As announced earlier this year there is a 2 tournament requirement to get into the Awards Banquet **FREE**. Anyone not having fished 2 tournaments during the current year, will have to pay for the dinner and will not be eligible for attendance prizes. So, get your tournaments in early so it's one less thing to worry about.