

NEWSLETTER

Hawg Hawlers Bass Club of St. Louis

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Truman Results

Truman was stingy again. I mentioned previously that this has been a real "off" year. Truman proved that again, with less than 1 fish per boat average. We have to break this low production jinx. One of these tournaments is really going to break wide open. There are only 2 left. Which one will it be? Which one will you be going to? Just to be on the safe side.....you may want to attend both. It has to happen, please, IT JUST HAS TO HAPPEN.

Truman Lake Totals (breakdown on attached sheet)

Year	# of fish	TOTAL weight	# of boats	1 st place	BIG Bass SAT	BIG Bass SUN
1998	16	33.89	18	8.06	2.85	2.60

1st Place Ted Reim/Gene Reim
4 fish - 8.06 lbs
prize: \$ 156.00 (5 points each)
pattern: Black/Chrome Rattle Traps

2nd Place Terry Bost (no partner)
3 fish - 6.44 lbs
prize: \$ 134.00 (4 points each)
pattern: Smoke/Pepper Chompers on Points

3rd Place Tom McGraw/Mike McGraw
3 fish - 5.60 lbs
prize: \$ 106.00 (3 points each)
pattern: unrecorded

4th Place Tom O'Connor/Brian Robinson
2 fish - 5.09 lbs
prize: \$ 82.00 (2 points each)
pattern: Chompers.

5th Place Mike Creamer/Rob Heinz
1 fish - 2.30 lbs
prize: \$ 62.00 (1 point each)
pattern: unrecorded



BIG BASS (Sat) 2.85 - Terry Bost
prize: \$ 90.00 and 2 points.
pattern: Smoke Chompers

BIG BASS (Sun) 2.60 - Tom O'Connor
prize: \$ 90.00 and 2 points.
pattern: Chompers.

"SqueakerBass" Award

1.80 lbs - Terry Bost

The "Squeaker" Award doesn't hurt too much because of the BIG BASS listing directly above this.



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

Brian Robinson - 3rd TIME

It was Tom's turn to catch the fish. These guy's could really extend their points lead if they would both catch fish at the same tournament.

Next Tournament - Table Rock . . .

YES!!! IT'S TRUE! IT'S TRUE! The Hawg Hawlers return to Table Rock NEXT MONTH. After a 2 year absence, we will be fishing Table Rock in just a couple of short weeks. Are you ready? Do you have your spots marked? Do you have the secret lure tied on?

BBQ Time Again Also Table Rock will provide our 2nd BBQ of 1998. Just talk to anyone that came to the first one, and they will tell you that the food was great. In case you missed the first one, here's the deal.

When: 11:30am - Saturday Sept 12th.

Where: Fin & Feather Resort - near pool.

What: BBQ burgers/dogs/buns/chips.

Who: Club members fishing tournament.

Other items: Bring Your Own Drinks & CHAIRS.

L-a-k-e- R-e-c-o-r-d [TABLE ROCK]. . . .

Lake Record - 4.58 Terry Stanek - 1994 Caught on a black and blue Jig/Pig.

Top 1st Place weight - 4 fish weighing 12.41 lbs. Terry Stanek and Bob Treadway - 1994. Terry and Bob caught their fish on chartreuse spinnerbaits and blk/blu jig/pig.

Defending Champ from our last visit in 1996 was Dave Jett fishing alone. Dave caught 3 fish for 8.32 lbs using a chug bug over deep water.

Spoonbill Record - 27 pounds - Bob Treadway - 1994. Spoonbill pattern was hooking them in the top of the head with a Texas rigged worm.

Tip of the Month: MAKE IT A SUPER SPOOK

Add a split ring to the front of your Zara Spook and tie your line directly to the split ring. This is stronger than a loop knot and the split ring will allow the lure to "walk" easier. Also change out the hooks with super sharp ones [like #2 Excaliburs] and add split rings to the hooks to allow them more free movement.

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



brought a 35 lb carp to weigh-in. Everybody was commenting that this was a bass tournament and he couldn't weigh in a carp no matter how big it was. He quietly borrowed a fillet knife and slit the carp up the middle. Out flopped an 8 pound bass with a spinnerbait still in it's mouthhe won big bass.

Truth may be stranger than fiction, but sometimes it needs to be *'S-t-r-e-t-c-h-e-d'*

Emergency situation....

On Sunday morning, Ted and Gene Reim were fishing a main lake point, where they caught 3 of their 4 keepers, when they heard someone calling "HELP" from the shore. It turned out to be 2 paramedics who were trying to get to an accident [see details below]. The Reim's picked up the para-medics to give them a lift to the accident site. In an effort to cut their travel time, they flagged down a boat with a larger motor and transferred over to it for the rest of the trip. Ted and Gene should be commended for taking time out of their tournament to help out in an emergency. But, this has raised the question, what if they would have been late for weigh in due to providing assistance such as this. What is the ruling? Well to tell you the truth, we don't have one.

As most of you know, we will be forming a rules committee at the end of the year to consider this issue as well as updating all of our rules. This committee will be open to anyone in the club. Anyone who cannot serve on the committee, but wishes to express an opinion regarding a rule change, is encouraged to submit their suggestion in writing (so we don't forget it), to one of the officers.

Awards Banquet: As announced at the beginning of 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 2 tournaments in so you will be eligible.

Boating Accident at Truman:

There was an accident at Truman Lake on the Sunday morning of our tournament. It was incorrectly reported to us that it was a "tournament boat". It sure caused some serious concern until we found out that the initial report was wrong. It took a while before we managed to gather all of the facts, but we finally learned that the accident involved 2 older gentlemen. One was 79 and the other was 72. They had been out fishing all night and were returning to the ramp in their jon boat. They hit something [probably a tree] and flipped their boat over. The 79 year old man WAS wearing his life jacket and apparently got stuck under the overturned boat and drowned.

Please remember that we are out there operating high speed boats that can be very dangerous. Remember that we have no more rights on the lake than the pleasure boats, other bass boats, water skiers and jet skiers. The lake is a resource for everyone to enjoy. Please be aware of everything around you, and operate your boat in a safe and courteous manner at all times.