

NEWSLETTER

Hawg Hawlers Bass Club of St. Louis

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Table Rock Results

Returning to Table Rock this year was nice for those who catch fish there. It seems there are two kinds of Table Rock anglers, those who do good there and those who cannot catch a fish there. We obviously have both in our club. The fact that 21 boats attended should tell us something about the lakes popularity. That's the second highest total for 1998.

The BBQ came off without a hitch. Everyone ate well, and no one got sick. That's two good signs of a successful BBQ.

Stories of the weekend include at least one rod/reel donated to the depths of Table Rock, our first Rain at a tournament this year, and the Angler of the Year race is now TIED. Didn't we do this last year? Didn't we go into the last tournament with a tie, or near tie? Actually there are about 7 anglers with a shot at winning this one. You may want to dig out the old points sheet and review the tie-breaker order.

Table Rock Lake Totals (breakdown on attached sheet)

Year	# of fish	TOTAL weight	# of boats	1" place	BIG Bass SAT	BIG Bass SUN
1998	25	51.30	21	9.05	2.58	3.06

- 1st Place** Ron Martin/Rich Northway
4 fish - 9.05 lbs
prize: \$ 172.00 (6 points each)
pattern: worms in backs of coves
- 2nd Place** Gene Reim (no partner)
3 fish - 5.78 lbs
prize: \$ 144.00 (5 points each)
pattern: blk/slvr rat-L-trap, main lake points
- 3rd Place** Mike Creamer/Rob Heinz
2 fish - 4.93 lbs
prize: \$ 110.00 (4 points each)
pattern: tube jigs
- 4th Place** Tom/Mike McGraw
2 fish - 4.79 lbs
prize: \$ 94.00 (3 points each)
pattern: .chompers, rat-L-traps
- 5th Place** Jim Binsbacher/Ed Gagnor
2 fish - 4.44 lbs
prize: \$ 60.00 (2 points each)
pattern: shad raps, crankbaits
- 6th Place** Larry Berry/Chuck Elders
2 fish - 4.24 lbs
prize: \$ 50.00 (1 point each)
pattern: wiggle warts



BIG BASS (Sat) 2.58 - Ed Gagnor
prize: \$ 105.00 and 2 points.
pattern: shad rap cranks

BIG BASS (Sun) 3.06 - Rich Northway
prize: \$ 105.00 and 2 points.
pattern: worms

"SqueakerBass" Award

1.59 lbs - Tom O'Connor
Tom says he'll take the "SqueakerBass" Award, if it moves him into a tie for the Angler of the Year



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

Rob Heinz

Mike Creamers 2 fish brought them 3rd place money, but it was Robs moral support and superior netting job that secured the finish.

Next Tournament - OZ . . .

ROD AND REEL RESORT HAS BEEN SOLD!!!

After quite a few years at Rod & Reel, Arnold has sold out to Al Wilson (no relation to Wilson's resort). Al is selling off the units as condos. Rod & Reel no longer exists. Knotty Pine (next door to R&R has agreed to allow us to have our tournament at their resort. They only have one request..

**If you are not staying at Knotty Pine
DON'T PARK IN THEIR SLIPS.**

They will allow us to tie up to the outside of their dock, but please do not use their slips unless you are staying there.

L-a-k-e- D-a-t-a - OZ

OZ has produced the 4 heaviest bass in club history
OZ has produced the heaviest total catch in club history
OZ has produced the 2nd heaviest winning weights
OZ has produced the greatest number of boats
OZ has produced Big Bass of the Year for the past 3 yrs
OZ has produced largest qty of 15" keepers

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.

Top 1st Place weight - 28.11 lbs by Dave and Tim Jett in April of 1997. They caught their fish on white & chartreuse spinnerbaits in shallow water. Tim had a 6.91 lb lunker that wasn't quite big enough for Big Bass though.

Defending Champs from this spring are Bob Ray and Greg Heinz. Bob and Greg finished 1st this spring and 2nd last spring. Let's see how they do in the fall. In April of this year they caught 3 fish for 9.31 lbs. They caught their fish on white spinnerbaits and Super Flukes.

Big Bass of 1998 (so far) was caught in April also. Kelly Nolie caught her on Sunday, and she weighed in at 4.44 lbs.

Tip of the Month: TOP WATER LINE TANGLES

When using a twitch bait (spook, chug bug, pop R) with a "walk the dog" retrieve, sometimes the line in front of the lure will sink and get tangled in the treble hooks. To prevent this, coat the line in front of the lure with chap stick. It will make the line float and will not get tangled in the hooks.

Bonus tip: If your bait gets tangled up during the cast, it may be caused by the bait tumbling. To prevent this, lightly thumb the spool during the lure flight to create a bit more drag. The weight of the lure will straighten out the line and help keep it from tumbling, thus keeping it from fouling.

Stretch D. Truth says "I knew two guys once who



went duck hunting in their new Jeep Cherokee. They had everything they needed for a successful hunting trip. They got to their favorite spot at the lake, which was frozen. They pulled the Jeep out onto the ice and

proceeded to set up for the hunt. They got out the decoys and knew that they must open a hole in the ice for the decoys. One of our "hero's" got out a stick of dynamite. He lit the 40 second fuse and tossed it over to where they wanted to put the decoys. Remember the dog? Yes, it was a retriever, and a very good one at that. When the dog retrieve the stick, he brought it back to the Jeep. Our two boys managed to get far enough away not to get hurt by the blast, but the Jeep was totaled, and now at the bottom of the lake. To rub a little salt in the wound, when the boys reported what had happened to the insurance company, the local officials gave them a ticket for illegal use of explosives and another one for improper dumping in a reservoir (the Jeep.....and dog).

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

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.

Reservations must be made so we know how many are coming. We will be taking reservations at the Ozarks Tournament, but we will also accept call in registrations. If you know you will be there [Nov 7th 4pm] please call Tom O'Connor and let him know. Deadline for registration will be October 24th.

Rules Committee.....

At the end of 1998, there will be a rules committee formed to review the clubs rules and procedures. This committee will be made up of club members and will have full authorization to revise, rewrite, add or eliminate any rule. Obviously the size of this committee will have to be limited. We were thinking that a 4 or 5 person committee will be enough to get plenty of ideas, but not too large. One absolute must is **INPUT FROM THE MEMBERS**. If anyone has a suggestion, complaint or situation that you would like to see handled differently than the way we do it presently, please contact the committee with your concern..

Committee members should be familiar with the club rules and procedures and willing to make themselves available for 2 or 3 meetings over the winter. So far volunteers have included Gene Reim, Mark Tomasiak and Terry Stanek. There are a couple of seats open. If you would like to participate in shaping the future of the Hawg Hawlers Bass Club, please call and volunteer.

Terry Stanek has agreed to chair this committee. If anyone would like to contact him to volunteer and/or make a suggested change, you can contact him at 928-2286 (evenings).

Want-Don't Want Adds are back.

Dave Sona is selling ALL of his fishing gear. Five Rod/Reel Combos, 4 tackle boxes full of lures, 4 or 5 soft worm paks. The whole works can be yours for \$500.