

# NEWSLETTER

## Hawg Hawlers Bass Club of St. Louis

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### Lake of the Ozarks Results . . . .

Lake of the Ozarks was a real challenge in the fall. We had 28 boats with 14 bringing in fish. You know that the Angler of the Year race was tied going into the tournament. Well guess what! It was tied **A-F-T-E-R** the tournament also. We had to go to the scorecards on this one, but more on that later. The tournament also provided us with a **NEW** Big Bass of the Year, but more on that later too.

Earlier this year I received an email from a guy who saw a post of mine on the internet. I told him how we ran the Hawg Hawlers and he sat in on an officers meeting to get the feel of the club. He said he was looking for a club for him and his son to fish. Just wanted to fish, not be **REAL** competitive. He came to the Ozarks in April and didn't weigh in a fish. But, he must have liked something because he came back 3 more times during the year, and this month walked away with a pocket full of cash. Charlie and Chuck Beach caught 4 fish for 11.66 lb on Saturday. Their weight held up through the Sunday weighin, and they took 1<sup>st</sup> place with over a 2 lb margin. Nine year old Chuck cheerfully accepted the winners 2 check\$ and promptly turned and gave his dad **ONE** of the checks. Chuck kept the other. Charlie's 3.39 lb kicker took the side pool of another \$200. [Hey Charlie, did Chuck split that with you too?] Congrats to Charlie and Chuck Beach on a fine tournament. They beat 53 very competent and competitive anglers.

Apparently this has been the year for mechanical problems. Dave Jett's outboard shifter linkage broke and he was stuck in reverse for the weekend. Not a good way to travel on the OZ. But it didn't hurt them much, Dave and Eric weighed in 4 fish and finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, using only the trolling motor.

Other problems included Trolling Motor cables, rod's breaking or going for the d-e-e-p s-l-x. It was a pretty rough weekend.

### Lake of the Ozarks Totals (breakdown on attached sheet)

Year	# of fish	TOTAL weight	# of boats	1 <sup>st</sup> place	BIG Bass SAT	BIG Bass SUN
1998	37	89.80	28	11.66	5.64	3.31

**1st Place** Charlie and Chuck Beach  
4 fish - 11.66 lbs  
prize: \$ 220.00 (7 points each)  
pattern: White Spinnerbaits

**2nd Place** Tom and Mike McGraw  
4 fish - 9.55 lbs  
prize: \$ 180.00 (6 points each)  
pattern: Rat-L-Traps

**3rd Place** Dave Jett/Eric Neff  
4 fish - 9.45 lbs  
prize: \$ 136.00 (5 points each)  
pattern: White spinnerbaits

**4th Place** Mark Tomasiak/Steve Rhea  
4 fish - 8.75 lbs  
prize: \$ 102.00 (4 points each)  
pattern: Chompers.

**5th Place** Gary and Donnie Eubanks  
2 fish - 8.20 lbs  
prize: \$ 82.00 (3 points each)  
pattern: White spinnerbaits

**6th Place** Greg Heinz/Bob Ray  
3 fish - 7.85 lbs  
prize: \$ 66.00 (2 points each)  
pattern: White spinnerbaits, big cranks.

**7th Place** Scott Mertz/Pam Wakim  
3 fish - 6.30 lbs  
prize: \$ 54.00 (1 point each)  
pattern: Blk/blu Buzz Bait



### BIG BASS of the Year

**5.64 lbs**

**Gary Eubanks**

prize: \$ 140.00 and 2 points.  
pattern: White Spinnerbait

BIG BASS (Sun) 3.31 lbs - Mark Tomasiak

prize: \$ 140.00 and 2 points. pattern: Chompers

### "SqueakerBass" Award

**1.44 lbs - Mark Tomasiak**

It seems to be a pattern that whoever wins this award, always seems to go home with moola in their pocket.



### Coat-tails Award



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

**Donnie Eubanks**

Donnies superior net handling capabilities insured her and husband Gary a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish. She also netted the Big Bass for the Year.

**Tip of the Month:** (will resume next year)



Stretch D. Truth says . . . .  
Bye Bye for the Winter.

## 1998 Angler of the Year

**Brian Robinson**

Our Angler of the Year competition ended in a tie this year. It has been close before, but we have never had a tie until now. Brian and Tom O'Connor were neck and neck all year. When one got a big bass the other would catch a couple more fish. It stayed that way until the Ozarks, where they EACH caught one fish. They both finished with 60 points, so it went to the first tie breaker which is Attendance Points. Guess what they were both tied for that too... so it goes to creel points. Brian ended the year with 14 creel points where Tom only had 12 {Tom had 2 more Big Bass points and Brian had the extra 2 fish. So the end result is that even though they will be considered CO-Anglers of the Year, only one award can be presented....and that will go to Brian Robinson.

**Congratulations Brian  
on your well deserved award**

## 1998 Big Bass of the Year

**Gary Eubanks**

Kelly Nolie caught a 4.44 lb lunker in April at Lake of the Ozarks. Kelly's fish held up all year until we went back to OZ this October. Gary Eubanks hooked a 5.64 lb lunker to take this honor. Gary's fish came on a white spinnerbait at the very last competition for this year. Just as a point of interest there were no other fish caught at OZ that were over 4.44 lbs. So Kelly gets the second place award [which is just honorable mention] and Gary Eubanks is the true HAWG Hawler of our club for 1998.

**Congratulations Gary  
on your well deserved award**

**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 \$8 for the dinner and **will not be eligible for attendance prizes**.

Reservations must be made so we know how many are coming. Right now our total is up to 50 members signed up with another 15 guests. Quite an increase over last year. If you have not already told Tom and you are sure that you will be there [Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 4pm] please call Tom O'Connor [314-938-3160] and register. The registration deadline is October 24<sup>th</sup>. We must let the church know an exact total by that date. **See Enclosed Flyer for directions and more info.**

### 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 delete 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 to get things done. 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 or suggestion....

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 include Terry Stanek, Gene Reim, Mark Tomasiak and Tom Clark. 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 suggest a change, you can contact him at 928-2286 (evenings).