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Lake of the Ozark Tournament

Lake Breeze Resort is at the 2 1/2 mile marker on Big Niangua. Directions: 70 to 54 to 5 north or 44 to 5 north. 54 & 5 intersect in Camdenton. Stay on 5 north approximately 6 1/2 miles to lake road 571 which will be on your left before the bridge (if you reach the bridge you have gone to far). Turn left on 571. Follow the signs to Lake Breeze Resort (approximately 2/10 miles).

Lake Breeze does not have any more vacancies. Here are some resorts nearby if you still need reservations.
Plaza Beach Resort (573) 873-5308
Lamplighter Resort (573) 873-5150
Skyline Resort (573) 873-5008

If you stay at a nearby resort - Lake Breeze will still let you use their boat ramp free of charge. Just be sure to let them know you are with the Hawg Hawlers tournament prior to launch. The only problem is they will not have room to park any additional trailers so you will have to park your trailer at the resort where you are staying. We just wanted to make this information available for anyone interested.

From the President's Boat

Our first tournament at Clearwater is now in the history books. I was very pleased to see such a great turnout. We had 28 boats and a lot of fish were caught. The weather even cooperated for a change. We send a big "Thank you!" to Mary Dougherty, owner of Piedmont Boat Dock, for allowing us to use her marina for our tournament headquarters and weigh-in. We appreciate her dropping by before our tournament to wish us well.

The response for tournament directors has been very good this year. We do still have some lakes open if you are interested let us know. The officers appreciate the help and it's 2 points.

Don't forget our first BBQ is at Stockton Lake in June. We will have plenty of good food, bring your own drinks and fish stories. If you want to help with the BBQ let us know. All help is greatly appreciated.

We, the officers, are always interested in any questions or comments the members may have. If you want to talk to any of the officers, our phone numbers are listed in all newsletters. Feel free to call and let us know your thoughts or suggestions. Our first tournament went well and they will each get better. We have many new members this year. I welcome each of you and look forward to getting to know all of you. Thanks again for your support and cooperation. See you at the lake!

Gary Eubanks - president



HAWG HAWLERS BASS CLUB OF ST. LOUIS



1st Place

Bob Marler/Steve Marler
8 fish - 11.16 lbs
\$220.00 (7 points each)
pattern: Carolina-rigged lizard



2nd Place

Terry Bost/Dave Jet
10 fish - 8.37 lbs
\$180.00 (6 points each)
pattern: green worms

3rd Place

Pam Wakim/ Randall Monroe
5 fish - 5.64 lbs
\$136.00 (5 points each)
pattern: wiggle warts & flat O's

4th Place

Chuck Elders/Don Ernst
6 fish - 5.33 lbs
\$102.00 (4 points each)
pattern: crankbaits

5th Place

Jim Fanter/Don Stewart
5 fish - 4.68 lbs
\$82.00 (3 points each)
pattern: power worms

6th Place

Gene Reim (no partner)
5 fish - 4.60 lbs
\$66.00 (2 points)
pattern: rattle trap

7th Place

Fred Saenger/Eric Neff
3 fish - 4.15 lbs
\$54.00 (1 point each)
pattern: spinnerbaits

Clearwater Results

Clearwater Lake Totals
(breakdown on attached sheet)

Year	# of fish	total wt.	# of boats	1st place	big bass
1999	105	76.27	28	11.16	4.03

Big Bass



Allen Mueller (new member)
4.03 lbs
\$140.00 (2 points)
pattern: spinnerbait

Congratulations Allen!

Honorable mentions in this category are Kelly Nollie - 3.24 lbs, Steve Marler (new member) - 3.08 lbs, and Pam Wakim - 2.48 lbs.



Coattails

Fred Saenger
no fish
finished 7th place

Honorable mention in this category is Randall Monroe with one fish finished in 3rd place.



"Squeaker Bass"

A new record was almost set for smallest bass. I understand the club record is .04 lb. With no size limit at Clearwater some pretty small fish were brought in but like everyone agreed, "A point is a point."

After a heated discussion between Terry Stanek and Bob Treadway over who had the smallest bass and who was going to break the club record the partners approached the scale. Yes it was a tie! Terry and Bob both had bass weighing .06 lb. And by the way - although we didn't get pictures - they brought their fish up for weigh-in in zip lock bags! That's right. They didn't even get their nice new Trilene bags wet! They weighed in 8 fish for a total weight of 1.55 lbs. That's an average .19 lb per fish.

Honorable mentions in this category are Greg Heinz with a .07 lb fish and Brian Robinson with .10 lb fish. And let's not forget Robinson/O'Connor who weighed in 10 fish for a total weight of 2.55 lbs - average weight .25 lb per fish. And some new members are worried we'll out fish them! Hah!

Free tournament winners.

Attendance prizes were drawn and the following members were lucky enough to win free tournaments:

Charlie Beach
Steve Rhea
Warren Lichius
James Ray

Congratulations and thanks to all Hawg Hawlers members, old and new, who came out and participated in making our first tournament a lot of fun and a tremendous success.

HAWG HAWLERS BASS CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

Tips

Locating Bass

FIND BASS WITH TOPWATERS

The topwater lure is a "quick catch" bait. During hot summer days, schooling bass get ornery and will wander away from traditional structure to blast shad in open water. When fishing a ledge, long point or a breakline in the middle of the lake, probe deeper areas with topwaters for fish holding off the structure. Or, if you see surface action, throw a topwater in that direction.

COOL DOWN IN THE RIVER

If main lake fishing on a reservoir is slow during the summer dog days, try fishing upstream in the main river. Go as far as possible, looking for current, baitfish and cover. River sections of a major bass lake get less pressure, are easier to fish from a small boat, and can be a bass bonanza when lake fish are inactive.

KEY ON RIVER COVER

Strategies for fishing the river section of a lake are no different than fishing the lake, except you probably won't find a lot of good spots in one area. Keep moving, hitting each piece of cover that creates an eddy or quiet water on either bank. Also, the same lures that work on the lake will catch bass in the river. Spinnerbaits are good for working logs and brush while the crankbait is a favorite for rocky areas.

FISH THE CURRENT FOR SMALL MOUTH

River smallmouth bass often are found in the current on a hot summer day. They can be seen sitting in a shallow riffle, ambushing food from behind boulders on the downstream side. That's why it's important to pay attention to current, as it can change throughout the day. If there's a lot of current, bass will be tight to the cover. If there isn't much current, look for the fish to move away from the cover.

Tips (cont.)

FIND FALL FISH FAST

To locate fall bass, concentrate on coves, cuts, long narrow creeks and in the river where shad congregate and schooling bass feed on them. Avoid those areas where shad aren't visible, and opt for fast moving lures such as crankbaits, spinnerbaits and buzzbaits to search for the fish. Once you catch a few and feel certain there are more fish there, you can switch to slower lures.

POINTS ARE PRODUCTIVE

Points are consistent fish holding areas. If you spend a summer day fishing visible points coming off shore, you'll catch more bass than an angler who is only fishing the shoreline. Points often extend several hundred feet under the water, providing bass a highway between shallow and deep water. Bass can be found anywhere along the point, from the shallow top side to the deep edges.

WATCH FOR CHANGES

When action stops in an area where you've been catching bass, don't assume you've caught them all. Something may have triggered a change in the fish's aggressiveness. For example, if action slows when clouds move in, perhaps the bass moved shallower. Conversely, if catching them during cloudy conditions and the sun shines, look for fish to be tighter to the cover. Fish also move shallower when the water is rising, and deeper if it is falling.

Flyers

We didn't have flyers available at the Clearwater tournament. They should be available at the Ozark tournament for any members that would like to post Hawg Hawlers Bass Club information on bulletin boards at work, school, church, etc. This will help increase our membership and allow us to share with others the good times we enjoy as Hawg Hawlers.

For Sale



Hawg Hawlers Bass Club Hats are still available. Price: \$6.00. Contact any club officer to place your order.

Humor



Five things you won't hear on a bass boat:

- 1) "I really didn't need a motor this big."
- 2) "Could you unhook this fish? I hate getting my hands all icky."
- 3) "I sorta feel guilty about calling in sick."
- 4) "We'd better go. I want to get home while it's still light enough to cut the grass."
- 5) "It's kinda lonely out here. I hope some more boats show up soon."

Items never found on a bass boat:

- 1) Fat-free snacks.
- 2) A windshield large enough to do any good.
- 3) Just one rod.

What do you call a fish with no eye? FSH!!!!

What did the fish say when he swam face first into a concrete wall?..... "DAM".....