

NEWSLETTER



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Bull Shoals Tournament

This will be our first tournament at Bull Shoals Lake. The lake was added to the schedule this year as a result of the member survey conducted at the 1998 Awards Banquet. We are all looking forward to another successful tournament.

Directions to Pontiac Cove Marina:

Highway 44 west to Rolla, 63 south to Cabool, 60 west to 5 south, 5 south to W, right on W to the marina.

Pontiac Lodge does not have any more vacancies. Here are some resorts nearby if you still need reservations.

Cactus Ridge Resort
(417) 679-2391

Roo-B-Doo Resort
(417) 679-4174
This resort has a campground.

Pontiac Marina is 1/2 mile from the Arkansas state line. Three day Arkansas out of state fishing license are \$10.00. Call 1-800-364-4263 to order a license by mail or license can be bought at the lake.

From the President's Boat

Our Ozarks Tournament turned out well in spite of the weather. There were a lot of good size fish caught even though our boat didn't turn in a keeper. Congratulations again to Gene Reim for his big bass of the tournament. I asked at Lake of the Ozarks for the angler's opinion on using the state regulation of 12" on Kentucky bass at Bull Shoals. There is a place on the entry form to vote your choice. We will count the votes and go with the majority. If you have already mailed your entry and wish to voice your vote call me. I want to welcome our new members Steve Carnal, Tim Jett, Jack Tschannen, Mark Sylvester, Brian Sylvester, Kelly Brewer, Ric Stokes, James Rolf, Scott Mertz Jr., Kathryn Peck, Todd Steinke, Richard Steinke, Bill Scheller, Robert Snell, Tim Gallagher, and Michael Wren. We have a good group of people in our club. Thanks to everyone for your cooperation at take-off and weigh-in. Things are going pretty smooth and we are getting better with everyone's help. See you at Bull Shoals.

Gary Eubanks - president

Email Addresses

Do you have an email address (work or home)? If so please send it to HawgHawler@aol.com. If it is a work address please indicate whether you can receive club related emails at work. The address will be used sparingly and not given out to anyone but club members.

BBQ



Don't forget about the barbeque at the Stocton Tournament June 5th!

1st Place

Richard H. Eder/Richard Eder

7 fish - 19.73 lbs

\$252.00 (8 points each)

pattern: Carolina-rigged lizard

2nd Place

Tom O'Connor/Tim Corley

4 fish - 11.29 lbs

\$196.00 (7 points each)

pattern: chartreuse spinnerbaits

3rd Place

Greg Heinz/Bob Ray

4 fish - 10.51 lbs

\$150.00 (6 points each)

pattern: chart/org spinnerbaits

4th Place

Gene Reim/no partner

2 fish - 9.07 lbs

\$120.00 (5 points)

pattern: white spinnerbait

5th Place

Don Ernst/Check Elders

2 fish - 7.08 lbs

\$80.00 (4 points each)

pattern: crankbaits

6th Place

Ron Martin/Jay Petero

3 fish - 7.00 lbs

\$74.00 (3 points each)

pattern: shadrap

7th Place

Steve Armstrong/Warren Lichius

3 fish - 6.82 lbs

\$64.00 (2 point each)

pattern: spinnerbaits

8th Place

Kelly Nolie/John Ketcherside

2 fish - 5.95 lbs

\$54.00 (1 point each)

pattern: rattletraps

Lake of the Ozarks Results

# of total fish	# of 1st sat	# of 1st sun
35	98.16	33
19.73	4.05	6.39

Big Bass



Sat Chuck Elders
4.05 lbs
\$165.00 (2 points)
pattern: crankbait

Sun Gene Reim
6.39 lbs
\$165.00 (2 points)
pattern: white spinnerbait

Honorable mentions in this category are:

Richard Eder - 4.33 lbs - sidepot sun
Greg Heinz - 3.61 lbs - sat
Brian Robinson - 3.61 lbs - sat
John Ketcherside - 3.59 lbs - sat
Terry Stanek - 3.53 lbs - sat
Allen Mueller - 3.50 lbs - sat
Bob Ray - 3.21 lbs - sun

Coattails

Kelly Nolie
no fish
finished 8th place



Stretch D. Truth says ...



"A Very Smart Catfish"

I once heard of a boy who was fishing off a lake shore trying to catch catfish. He was by himself, but there were two men out on a boat drinking a little bit in the middle of the cove.

The boy had been sitting there for a couple of hours and was getting tired of fishing, so he started to reel his line in.

It felt like it was hung on something on the bottom. One of the two guys saw him having trouble and yelled to him that he would swim down and get it unhooked.

The boy was a bit nervous about that because the man had been drinking, but he said all right.

The man got undressed and jumped in. He went underwater and was down there awhile and the boy was getting scared, but suddenly the man popped up gasping for air.

He hollered to the boy that he had the biggest fish he'd ever seen on the other end of his line, but there was one problem.

There was an old car down there and the fish was in it. The boy asked the man if he could pull the fish out.

The man said he had tried everything he could think of but every time he got close to the car, the fish would roll the window up.



And the award goes to

Terry Stanek

celebrating his 50th birthday!



For those of you that missed the party, we celebrated Terry's 50th birthday at the Ozark tournament (black balloons and all). He received many appropriate Over the Hill gifts. My sister-in-law Sandy (Terry's wife) told me that Terry just wanted this birthday to pass quietly without mention so we had to ignore that fact. Here is a picture of Terry after he finished playing his "Birthday Blues" on the harmonica. Just had to embarrass you one more time Bro! (I know, I know I'll pay for it later!) We also celebrated Donnie Eubanks birthday. Happy Birthday again Donnie! ... I think she just turned 29.

A Couple More Nice Bass



Just a reminder - if you have an item for the newsletter - pictures, jokes, items for sale, true Hawg Hawler tournament stories or even some you made up just to embarrass someone - call me at 839-7509 or send email to pamwakim@aol.com

Tips Spinnerbaits

Here are 10 tips guaranteed to make you more successful:

1. Fish hard. Rig a baitcast outfit with 17-pound line, tie on a 3/4-ounce Classic Spinnerbait and cast around the thickest cover you find. You may get snagged, but you're going to catch fish. Never let the bait sink out of sight. Jimmy Houston is one of the best spinnerbait fishermen and he keeps his bait in sight 99 percent of the time. You'll see strikes and learn how to catch bass on a spinnerbait. Avoid setting the hook when you see the fish hit. Bass hold a spinnerbait for a long time, so there's no need to jerk until you FEEL the fish.

2. Use the right blade combination. Indiana blades offer a good compromise between willow leaf and Colorado designs. Colorado puts out a lot of vibration while willow leaf produces a lot of flash. The Indiana has characteristics of both. However, there are times when you want more vibration and flash — as in dirty water or over thick vegetation. The Colorado will call stubborn fish to the bait while the willow leaf comes through grass better.

3. Tandem vs. single spin. A single spin may produce more vibration, but the tandem helps insure at least one blade spins continuously when banging around brush. If a single-spin blade stops spinning, the lure lays on its side and hangs up. To keep it relatively snagless, the spinnerbait must be running upright so the wire arm protects the hook. The tandem design not only produces more flash, but you can fish it slower because the two blades provide more lift. Opt for a single Colorado blade when you want to drop the bait alongside stumps, docks or pilings because it rotates seductively when fished on the fall.

4. Match colors to conditions. White in clear water during sunny days; chartreuse and white for dirty water and sunny days; blue and/or chartreuse for clear water on overcast days; chartreuse in dirty water on overcast days; and bright

Tips (cont.)

colors in muddy water regardless of the sky.

5. Vibration. Bigger blades produce more vibration. If wind or water activity has stirred the water you're fishing, increase the vibration and flash. If it's calm, try smaller blades with less flash. It's easy to spook a fish in shallow water by throwing big noisy baits. However, if fishing brush tops in 10 to 15 feet of water, the big flashy baits are best.

6. Dressings. Use a 3-inch plastic trailer or pork rind. When choosing skirts, split rubber skirts over living rubber skirts, but mix the two. Put the skirt on backwards; it gives the lure more life. Avoid trailer hooks — they prohibit you from fishing thick brush where the fish are. The extra hook will cause the lure to hang up more.

7. Big baits. A one-ounce spinnerbait is a favorite for slowly winding the lure over the top of deep vegetation, down river ledges or along large logs in deep water.

8. Wire arm. Use spinnerbaits built with 32nd grade wire, a small wire creates more vibration. Also, the flexibility of small wire reduces the number of fish you'll lose.

9. Conditions. Low light days are good spinnerbait days, but the opposite can be true, too. Sunny days push bass under logs and into thick cover, where a spinnerbait will call them out. Wind can make a difference. If you're catching bass on worms and the wind picks up, switch to a spinnerbait. Chances are you'll not only catch fish, but bigger fish.

10. Location. Spinnerbaits have no restrictions, regardless of water depth or time of year. Cover is the key. In shallow water, swim it through bushes, or along laying logs that angle into deep water. In that situation, wind the lure slowly through the deeper branches, turning the handle just fast enough to keep the line tight. Keep the bait near the structure.

The spinnerbait will catch fish in almost any water and under any condition providing you're consistent and select the right bait for the right areas. Gain confidence in it, and you'll become a firm believer.

For Sale



Boat, motor, trailer, & accessories

\$7500 1988 Stratos 289V Bass Boat Length - 19' 4" Beam - 95" Dual consoles. Bow panel: Tilt switch, courtesy light, TM plug, livewell man/auto switch. Main console: Speedometer, tach, pwr trim gauge, eng temp gauge, fuel gauge, volt meter. In dash 60/120 ft. flasher unit, Hummingbird 101 bow depth finder, Hummingbird Id1 console depth finder, Hummingbird temp sensor, dual livewells, auto/man bilge pump, motor well eng tilt switch, two 21 gal fuel tanks, nav lights, horn, six gauge TM wiring, two sets rod savers, lockable storage & rod locker, bicycle seat w/pwr ped, fish seat w/pwr ped, fish seat w/fix ped, built in cooler w/drm, Minnkota 48AT TM ('95), 2 deep cycle batteries ('98), 1 start battery ('98), 2-battery on board charger ('98), 1988 Mercury 150 HP XR4 w/pwr trim/tilt, stainless prop, whale tail, 1989 Country Roads trailer w/14" chrome whls, spr tire & carrier, towing cover, new tires ('98), swing away trailer jack ('99). New spark plugs '99, new water pump '98. Bonus: 5000 lb. Class III receiver hitch, Hummingbird replacement sensor, spare TM prop. Contact Terry Stanek - 928-2286



Humor

How does an LA policeman go fishing?
He catches one fish, then beats it until it tells him where the others are.