

# NEWSLETTER

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## Pomme De Terre Tournament

The Pomme De Terre Tournament will be held at the State Park Marina.

Directions to the marina:

Take I-44 southwest to Lebanon, then take 64 west, stay on 64 - it will turn north and take you all the way to the marina.



Club Stickers available:

- 8 1/2" x 18" (any solid color) = \$16 (sample on Gene Reims boat)
- 5 1/2" x 12" (any solid color) = \$13 (sample on Gene Reims truck)
- 3 1/2" x 6" (multi-color) = \$5 (sample on Greg Heinz truck)

No minimum quantity. Call KACO Signs (Kay & Reggie Clark) 618-533-3841

## From the President's Boat

Stockton was as usual a great tournament, a little windy but that's Stockton Lake. There was a lot of fish caught with a couple of really nice big bass for both days. I want to thank everyone who helped with the BBQ. Special thanks to Linda Armstrong, one of our new members this month and a lot of help.

The club has grown a lot this year with the highest membership ever. We now have 96 members and it's only June. We have had a good attendance at all our tournaments this year. I am still thinking a 50 boat tournament is a possibility by years end.

I want to welcome all our new members and returning friends that fished Stockton. Fred Reece, Mike Creamer, Gary Huber, Rich Gaugh, Randy Orłowski, Tom Clark, T. R. Clark, Jason Smith, and Don Hall. Thanks to our tournament directors at Stockton - great job. Froesel Tire on Manchester Road donated 4 Cardinal baseball tickets to Rick Armstrong to be awarded as attendance prizes at Stockton. We sure appreciate their donation. There was a 35 mm Minolta camera lost at Stockton at the BBQ or weigh in area. If anyone found it let me know. It belongs to Steve Marler.

Our next tournament will be at Pomme De Terre Lake, out of State Park Marina June 26 & 27. This will be a morning - morning tournament (5:30 AM - 12:30 PM both days). Donnie has telephone numbers for resorts so call if you need them. Thanks to everyone for your cooperation.

See you at Pomme.

Gary

## Stockton Results

# of total # of 1st sat sun  
 fish wt. boats pla bbass bbass  
 62 113.89 28 13.81 4.18 5.22



## Coattails

Randy Orlowski  
 no fish  
 finished 3rd place

## Baseball Ticket Winners:

Jim Coyner & Larry Tidwell

## Pomme De Terre: Hawg Hawler History

year	# of fish	total wt.	# of boats	1st pla	big bass
92	16	17.87	9	4.14	1.54
93	26	37.45	18	10.10	3.55
94	88	133.87	14	31.25	2.68
95	42	77.48	16	21.09	3.47
96	53	79.24	19	17.88	6.34
97	17	25.65	17	4.64	3.39
98	29	43.14	15	6.91	2.82

Defending champs are Bob Ray and Don Ernst. They weighed in 5 fish for 6.91 lb.. The Club/Lake Record 6.34 lb. caught by Scott Mertz in '96. Top 1st Place Weight and Highest recorded TEAM weight EVER in a Hawg Hawler tournament - 31.25 lb. (20 fish) - Gary McFetridge and Terry Hanie in '94. Smallest BIG Bass (ever, at any lake) 1.54 LB by an anonymous angler in '92. Highest Total Tournament Weight (ever, at any lake) 133.87 lb. in '94.



### 1st Place

Terry Bost/Randy Simonitch  
 9 fish - 13.81 lb.  
 \$220.00 (7 points each)

pattern: plastic worms shallow



### 2nd Place

Mike Creamer/Steve Marler  
 7 fish - 13.52 lb.  
 \$180.00 (6 points each)

pattern: Chompers



### 3rd Place

Rich Gaugh/Randy Orlowski  
 3 fish - 7.91 lb.  
 \$136.00 (5 points each)

pattern: cranks & worms

### 4th Place

Rick Armstrong/Linda Armstrong  
 5 fish - 7.37 lb.  
 \$102.00 (4 points each)

pattern: chompers & spittin' image

### 5th Place

Brian Robinson/Gary Huber  
 3 fish - 5.77 lb.  
 \$82.00 (3 points each)

pattern: flat-A, broken back minnow

### 6th Place

Tom O'Connor/Cathey O'Connor  
 3 fish - 5.39 lb.  
 \$66.00 (2 points each)

pattern: chompers

### 7th Place

Charlie Beach/Chuck Beach  
 3 fish - 5.20 lb.  
 \$54.00 (1 points each)

pattern: SuperFlukes

## Big Bass



Sat Aaron Mueller  
 4.18 lb.  
 \$140.00 (2 points)

pattern: salt craw



Sun Rich Gaugh  
 5.22 lb.  
 \*\*\* NEW LAKE RECORD !!  
 \$140.00 (2 points)

pattern: crankbait





And the award goes to .....

Me

for attending the tournament!

That's right! And if I had my way I would get extra points for effort! Due to my inconsiderate son who graduated from high school on Saturday - (the nerve!) on a tournament weekend! - we missed the BBQ - drove for 5 hours late Saturday night - slept in the parking lot for maybe an hour or two - fished the tournament Sunday - AND did not bring in one keeper! All those in favor of me getting extra points for this amazing effort on my part due solely to my dedication to the club and the pleasure of fishing in general - please mail your sympathy votes to the president so we can update those Point Standings soon. Thank you.



## Humor

There were two old boys from Alabama who loved to fish. They wanted to do some ice fishing that they'd heard about in Canada, so they took off to try it. The lake was frozen nicely, so they stopped just before they got to the lake at a little bait shop and got all their tackle. One of them said, "We're going to need an ice pick."

After they got their equipment, they took off. In about two hours, one of them was back at the shop and said, "We're going to need another dozen ice picks."

Curious the bait man asked, "How are you fellows doing?"

"Not very well at all," he said. "We don't even have the boat in the water yet."

## Tips:

### Bass Fishing at Night

Most anglers prefer to fish during daylight hours, but sometimes bass bite better after dark - especially in the heat of the summer. Many anglers believe that bass become sluggish and feed less frequently when it's hot, and this may be true in certain shallow lakes where the bass become stressed in soup-warm water. In most lakes, however, bass feed more often in warm weather because their metabolism increases with the rise in water temperature. The higher their metabolism, the faster they burn energy and the more food they require.

So why isn't daytime fishing better in the summer? For one thing, bright sunlight drives fish into deep water or below wood or weed cover in search of shade and cooler temperatures. There they are hard to reach with baits and lures. Also, lakes blossom in the summer, producing an abundance of food sources. With so much to eat, many bass are content to wait until dark when they can ambush their prey more easily.

At night bass come up from the depths and out of heavy cover to feed. They are more aggressive and more likely to be fooled by your artificial lures. At night they are more likely to chase your lures for the sounds and vibrations they emit.

Some anglers claim that pitch-black nights yield more action, but others believe that bright nights are just as good. You'll find night fishing requires more concentration than daytime fishing. Judging distances can be tricky.

This problem raises the question of whether to use lights at night. Black lights have become popular because they make white and fluorescent colors glow and thin fluorescent

fishing lines look like strands of neon rope. The light doesn't spook the fish because it doesn't penetrate the water. Use lines testing four to six pounds heavier than you normally use during the day. Your line will suffer more abuse at night and heavier line will insure landing that big one.

Topwater plugs are favorites at night. Spinnerbaits are also proven nighttime bass lures since they are nearly snag-free. Plastic worms and jigs also make good nighttime lures. Whatever the plug, you can't go wrong with the color black.

## Enjoying BBQ

