



Hawg Hawler News

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From the President

The passing of our fellow club member Gene Reim has saddened us all. During this time emotions run high and we as club members feel the compelling need to honor his passing in a manner that would best represent Gene's spirit as he interacted with each and every one of us throughout the years. There have been suggestions put forth to rename the "Big Bass" trophy in honor of Gene. After all, Gene was an outstanding angler and has held the club record for big bass for a number of years. However, I would venture to say that when we think of Gene today his angling accomplishments would not be what come to mind. What we truly remember about Gene is the friendship, the fellowship, the lightheartedness, the story telling, and the general "good feeling" that we got just talking with Gene. We remember Gene our friend, as well as Gene the angler.

We as officers have thought deeply about how, as a club, to best honor Gene. We have noted each and every comment posted on the club message board. We have conducted interviews with all currently active past officers. What we have concluded is this. Gene was a giver. Throughout his years with the club he shared his life experiences with each and every one of us. For this reason we have decided that it would be appropriate at this time for the club to give something back. In addition to dedicating our first tournament of the year to Gene Reim, it has been suggested that we dedicate the Big Bass side pot from the first tournament be donated to a charity to be chosen by Gene's wife, Alice. We have asked Greg Heinz and Charlie Beach to organize this on behalf of the club and they have graciously accepted. Details of this are presented in this newsletter. We invite all members to honor Gene by participating. In addition, we are implementing a club by-laws change to dedicate the first tournament of every year to the memory of Gene Reim, with a portion of the Big Bass Side Pot going to a worthy charity in his name.

Lake of the Ozarks Tournament Dedicated in Memory of Gene Reim

The March 16th tournament at Lake of the Ozarks will be dedicated to the memory of Gene Reim who passed away on Christmas Eve, 2001. The tournament itself will be a standard club competition with prize money, points and regular club Big Bass payout.

In honor of Gene, we will work the **VOLUNTARY** Big Bass Side Pot a little different. Greg Heinz and Charlie Beach will be collecting the Big Bass Side Pot entry fee. For **THIS TOURNAMENT ONLY**, the entry fee for the Big Bass Side Pot will be increased from the standard \$10.00 per boat to \$20.00 per boat. The Big Bass Side Pot payout will be as follows...

\$5.00 per boat (i.e. 40 boats = \$200.00) to the angler who catches the Big Bass of the tournament.

\$5.00, or less, per boat will be used for prizes and plaques.

The remainder of the Big Bass Side Pot entry fee (\$10.00/boat, or more) will be donated to the American Heart Association in Gene's name.

MorsonOutfitters.com, where Gene, Ted, Teddy and other family members did their Canada fishing, has given us a prize package to be given away. The prize package includes Four Nights lodging, Three Days Fishing at Morson Outfitters Lodge for one person. This package also includes boat/motor rental and gas for all three days. A drawing will be held to determine the winner of this trip. Only those entered in the Big Bass Side Pot are eligible to win this prize, valued at \$630.00.

Note: this increase in entry fee is a **ONE-TIME CHANGE ONLY**. All remaining tournaments for 2002 will have a side pot entry of \$10 per boat.



Anyone looking for another fun, family oriented tournament to fish (that does not conflict with any of our Hawg Hawler T's) should check out the IBBT Bass Tournament. This tournament will give you the chance to meet new people, see old friends, and maybe even win a little cash on the side.

Only \$50* Entry Per Boat for:

- 2 days of Tournament Fishing including Big Bass for both days.
- Dinner after fishing on Saturday for registered anglers. (Additional meals for family members available for \$5 per person.)
- A chance to meet other Internet Anglers, and their friends and families.
- Connie Kilpatrick from Lake Fork Tackle Repair and her husband Tommy will be joining the IBBT. Connie will be talking on Saturday evening about reel maintenance and Gary Yamamoto baits.
- Many prizes and give-a-ways for registered anglers.
- Great Fishing!

\$50 covers both days of fishing and Saturday evening meal. Late fees are not included.

Be sure to register no later than March 20th, 2002 to assure that you get one of the great looking IBBT 2002 Rally @ The Rock hats!

Check www.hawghawlers.com Results/News for the link to the IBBT website for rules and entry forms.

OTHER NEWS

BASS PRO SHOPS INCENTIVE PROGRAM for bass clubs. Order at 1-800-951-1000, tell them you are with the Hawg Hawlers Bass Club and get reduced prices.

NEW SPONSOR: Hawg Hawlers welcome B.A.'S BAIT & BASSIN' SHOP Meadville, PA. Call 800-206-6928 to order.

FISHING HUMOR: You might be a fisherman if...

- 1) You have a power worm dangling from your rear view mirror because you think it makes a good air freshener.
- 2) Your wedding party had to tie tin cans to the back of your bass boat.
- 3) You call your boat "sweetheart" and you wife "skeeter".
- 4) Your local tackle shop has your credit card number on file.
- 5) You name your black lab "Mercury" and your cat "Evinrude".
- 6) You have a photo of your 10 lb. Bass on your desk at work instead of your family.
- 7) You think MEGABYTES means a great day fishing.
- 8) You send your kid off to the first day of school with his shoes tied in a palomar knot.
- 9) You think there are four seasons—Pre Spawn, Spawn, Post Spawn, and Hunting.
- 10) Your kids know it's Saturday—because the boat's gone.

Directions to Shawnee Bend Access: 4 miles NE of Hurricane Deck. Hwy 5 to Hwy F on Hwy TT or Hwy 54 to Bangnel Dam, across new community toll bridge to Hwy TT. Right on TT.