

Results & News - March 2004

Hawg Hawlers Bass Club Tournament Results

Clearwater Lake - March, 2004

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1st Place

Dave Sona & Neil Volkmann

2nd Place

Scott Hasty & Rob Cook

3rd Place

Ed & Judy Fileccia

Honorable Mention BB

Dave Sona 7.74 lbs

Honorable Mention BB

Ed Fileccia 6.43 lbs

Big Bass & New Club Record 7.96 lbs

Josh Zelnis

Hawg Hawler News

APOLOGY:

This apology thing is getting old. Fact is that my computer crashed, and I didn't have anywhere to compose the news. Well, it's all better now, and hopefully will not be a problem in the future.

CLEARWATER RECAP:

Here is a quick recap of the happenings at the first Hawg Hawler tournament of 2004.

It was Clearwater Lake. It was early spring. It was the first tournament of 2004 for the Hawg Hawlers. Just two weeks prior to the tournament there was snow falling around St. Louis. But not to worry, somehow we always manage to luck out for the March tournament. There were plenty of new members who discovered the Hawg Hawler way of fishing over the winter. It seems that someone has been talking about our little secret club. There were plenty of new names and faces to commit to memory. Some made some notable names for themselves in their first Hawg Hawler Tournament.

We had a great turn out at Clearwater. A total of 44 boats signed up to fish. Was it the winter doldrums that brought out the anglers, or was it the "no limit" size lime, or was it because it was the best Bass Club around? That question will be discussed for many years. We know one thing.... The 44 boats was the second highest boat total that the Hawg Hawlers has ever had. It was second only to the March 2002 Tournament at Lake of the Ozarks where we had 45 boats. It was also the Memorial Tournament, where we honor those Hawg Hawler members who have gone on to fish in the "next" life. The member who's passing started this "Memorial" tournament was Gene Reim. Gene was a force to be reckoned with when

it came to Big Fish. He had numerous big fish to his credit, including Walleye, Northern Pike, Stripers, and a 58lb catfish (caught on a rod & reel).

Gene's most notable Hawg Hawler Bass was the one he caught in 1994 on Lake of the Ozarks. It weighed in at 7.40 pounds and set the record for the all time Hawg Hawler record. That record stood for 9 years... until Clearwater, 2004. It was broken, or should I say shattered by not ONE but TWO anglers. Dave Sona weighed in a 7.74lb bass that was a real whopper, but unfortunately it was only worth 2 points as Josh Zelnis weighed in a bass that went 7.96lbs. That is now our current Big Bass for the Year and Biggest Bass ever weighed in during a club tournament. Congratulations to NEW MEMBER, and now CURRENT BIG BASS RECORD HOLDER.....Josh Zelnis. If Josh's fish holds up for the year, and there is a pretty good chance of that, he will have his name added to the "Gene Reim" Big Bass Traveling Trophy.

Returning Angler of the Year, Dave Sona, and his partner Neil Volkmann won the tournament with their double limit weighing nearly 15lbs, and anchored by Dave's 7.74lber. See the full tournament results, patterns and AotY Points Standings on the attached sheets. Also notice the other big fish that were caught during this tournament. The bigger fish were definitely biting.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY:

Please remember that the only thing we need to enter a team in a tournament is signed membership forms and their names and a check. If there is a situation where you cannot get access to the "Tournament Entry" form, rest assured that it is only a formality. The most important thing is the membership form, because without that, you cannot fish with us. After we have those on file, all we need is 2 names and a check.

A WORD ABOUT THE CLUB SCALE:

At the Clearwater tournament, we still had last year's battery on the club weigh scale. A couple of club members thought the scale was weighing heavy. When we returned home we used the same battery and weighed some sample weights of 3, 5 and 10 pounds. We then connected a brand new battery, and weighed the same weights. After numerous trials, the biggest discrepancy we could find, at any weight, was .07 lbs. Since this discrepancy benefited everyone who weighed in fish, it is irrelevant. And since the club Big Bass Record was broken by .57lbs, the weights will stand as recorded. Thanks for the concern of all who mentioned this discrepancy.

NEXT NEWSLETTER:

Without any further computer disasters, you should receive another newsletter by mid-April.

BOAT NAMES	BB SAT	BB SUN	# SAT	# SUN	SAT WT	SUN WT	PNLTY	TOTAL	POS	PATTERN
8A Sona, Dave	7.74		5		14.89			14.89	1	Brush Hogs & Hula Grubs
8B Volkmann, Neil			5					14.89	1	
36A Hasty, Scott			4		12.44			12.44	2	Rat-L-Traps
36B Cook, Rob	5.97		3					12.44	2	
31A Fileccia, Ed	6.34		5		10.25			10.25	3	Red Wiggle Warts
31B Fileccia, Judy			0					10.25	3	
34A Bartram, Rich			0		9.03			9.03	4	Deep cranks
34B Zelnis, Josh	7.96		3					9.03	4	
11A Shands, Greg			5		8.80			8.80	5	Rat-L-Traps & Shad Raps
11B Ray, Bob			5					8.80	5	

32A	Scheller, Bill			5	8.02			8.02	6	
32B	Grobe, Russ			2				8.02	6	
25A	Knoll, Ed			5	7.97			7.97	7	
25B	Sanford, Keith			5				7.97	7	
23A	Reim, Teddy			4	7.54			7.54	8	
23B	Reim, Dave			2				7.54	8	
22A	Fanter, Jim			5	7.33			7.33	9	
22B	Fanter, Jim, Sr.			5				7.33	9	
6A	Walker, Bryan			5	7.12			7.12	10	
6B	Coyner, Jim			5				7.12	10	
38A	Earls, Ed			5	6.76			6.76		
38B	Meyer, Philip			0				6.76		
35A	Black, Tom, Sr.			2	6.11			6.11		
35B	Brennan, Mike			1				6.11		
14A	Beach, Charlie			5	5.93			5.93		
14B	Beach, Brooke			1				5.93		
27A	Luzynski, Ken			3	5.04			5.04		
27B	McGarity, Dave			1				5.04		
29A	Reim, Ted	3.11		2	4.91			4.91		
29B	Medley, Gary			3				4.91		
21A	Armstrong, Rick			5	4.76			4.76		
21B	Armstrong, Ricky			1				4.76		
5A	Wakim, Pam			3	4.38			4.38		
5B	Stanek, Frank			2				4.38		
1A	Henley, David	4.08		1	4.31			4.31		
1B	Raney, Carl			1				4.31		
39A	Derousse, Danny			2	3.79			3.79		
39B	Sago, Will			2				3.79		
44A	Carnal, Steve			2	3.35			3.35		
44B	Wentzel, Dennis			1				3.35		
43A	Stanek, Terry			0	3.25			3.25		
43B	Treadway, Bob			2				3.25		
15B	Ritrovato, Frank			0	2.88			2.88		
15B	Ritrovato, Tina			2				2.88		
10A	Heinz, Greg			0	2.63			2.63		
10B	Beach, Chuck			3				2.63		
26A	Robinson, Brian			3	2.60			2.60		
26B	Robinson, Kelly			0				2.60		
42A	Berry, Larry			1	2.48			2.48		
42B	Phelps, Scott			1				2.48		
9A	Strangoener, Gary			2	2.33			2.33		
9B	Maness, John			0				2.33		

33A	Lichius, Warren		1	2.28		2.28	
33B	Lichius, Daniel		2			2.28	
12A	Ketcherside, John		0	2.11		2.11	
12B	Nolie, Kelly		2			2.11	
17A	Moore, Troy		1	2.11		2.11	
17B	Koirtyohann, Jason		0			2.11	
37A	Johnson, Sean		1	1.75		1.75	
37B	Randell, Neil		0			1.75	
16A	Mincemeyer, Bill		0	1.70		1.70	
16B	Kennedy, Jason		1			1.70	
40A	Horstmeyer, David		0	1.65		1.65	
40B	Horstmeyer, Michael		1			1.65	
28A	Howard, Matt		0	1.64		1.64	
28B	Ryan, Rustin		1			1.64	
7A	Shands, Andy		1	1.53		1.53	
7B	Dillinger, Tony		0			1.53	
2A	Boehme, Paul		0	1.46		1.46	
2B	Boehme, Sam		1			1.46	
30A	Luzynski, Lori		0	1.30		1.30	
30B	Merli, Mike		1			1.30	
18A	Eubanks, Gary		0	0.37		0.37	
18B	Eubanks, Donnie		1			0.37	
3A	McNeil, Ken		0	0.00		0.00	
3B	Durbin, Dan		0			0.00	
4A	Creamer, Tom		0	0.00		0.00	
4B	Robbins, Ken		0			0.00	
13A	Graves, Don		0	0.00		0.00	
13B	Bergmann, Chris		0			0.00	
24A	Hutsel, Bob		0	0.00		0.00	
24B	Wagner, Vince		0			0.00	
41A	Saenger, Fred		0	0.00		0.00	
41B	Neff, Eric		0			0.00	
19A	Bost, Terry		-	-		-	
19B	Jett, Dave		-			-	
20A	Grobelny, Scott		-	-		-	
20B	Tschannen, Jeff		-			-	