

Results & News - October 2004

Hawg Hawler News

10-17-2004

1st Place

Bryan Walker & Jim Fanter
7 fish, 14.31 lbs

2nd Place

Dave Sona & Neil Volkmann
7 fish, 13.97 lbs

3rd Place

Russ Grobe
5 fish 11.45 lbs

Saturday Big Bass

Neil Volkmann 3.55lbs

Sunday Big Bass

Mike Brennan 4.47 lbs

Ozarks "T"

Just a quick recap of the Ozarks "T" showed Bob Ray leading the Angler of the Year race by 13 points over Dave Sona and Neil Volkmann. Brian Walker, Dave McGarity and Rob Cook were all within striking distance. Terry Stanek, Scott Hasty, Chuck Beach and Lori Luzynski rounded out the top 10.

Congratulations to Jim Fanter and Bryan Walker on their win. More, later in this news...

Banquet Recap

The 2004 Hawg Hawlers awards banquet was held on October 9th, at the KC Hall in Washington, MO. It was attended by approximately 100 people, including 65 of our 2004 club members. The following is a recap of what happened at the banquet.

After an introduction to the proceedings, and comments by club president, Gary Eubanks, we took care of some club business. Teddy Reim presented a review of the treasury transactions for the year, and gave a report of the 2004 membership. Then Donnie Eubanks reviewed the duties, and importance, of those functioning as out volunteer Tournament Directors for 2004. All that were present were asked to stand, and were given a round of applause.

Then it was time to eat. Spaunhorst Catering, as they have done in years past, provided another great meal for all in attendance.

2004 Year in Review

Clearwater Lake in March brought out 44 boats, the 2nd highest boat total EVER for the Hawg Hawlers. The BIGGEST BIG

BASS ever recorded in this club was brought in. Actually that all time record was broken TWICE in the same tournament. Dave Sona's 7.74lb bass broke the all time club record of 7.40lbs. But Josh Zelnis brought in a 7.97lb bass to take the Big Bass Honors. Other notable fish included, Ed Fileccia's 6.34 lb bass, and Rob Cook's 5.97 lb bass. Then there was Ken McNeil's (road) accident on the way home from the lake. It was fortunate that no one was hurt, and many thanks go out to Ed/Judy Fileccia, Charlie and Chuck Beach, and other HHers who offered assistance.

April found Bull Shoals Lake back on the Hawg Hawler schedule. A survey in 2003 indicated that a number of Hawg Hawlers wanted Bull Shoals back on the schedule. The officers complied, and found that only 18 boats signed-up for the "T", the lowest boat total since 1998. A respectable total of 57 fish were caught by the participants. April found another (road) accident. This time it was Charlie and Chuck Beach. Again the Hawg Hawlers came to the rescue. Ken Luzynski, Dave McGarity, Rob Cook, and Scott Hasty helped Charlie & Chuck with their trip to the hospital, and their truck and boat. Again, luck was on their side as no one was hurt. Unfortunately this left Teddy the only officer at the tournament. And, as always, there were other members there to help. Terry Stanek, Bob Treadway and Pam Wakim helped with the weigh in duties. This is just another example of Hawg Hawlers helping Hawg Hawlers.

Late April is always Lake of the Ozarks, and one of our better tournaments. 2004 was no exception. The Heaviest weight ever recorded in a Hawg Hawler tournament was posted. Dave Sona and Neil Volkmann brought in 33.82 lbs. WOW, what a bag of fish! There was a BBQ that was put on by Terry Stanek, Bob Treadway, Lori Luzynski, Gary & Donnie Eubanks, and others, that went over very well. Honorable mention goes to Darla Ketcherside and Ed Knoll who each caught a 5.15lb bass that didn't win the Big Bass Awards.

The 2003 survey mentioned earlier also indicated that the members wanted to visit Mark Twain Lake in 2004. Well, the membership stayed away in droves. Again, only 18 boats attended, tying Mark Twain with Bull Shoals for the least attended tournaments in 2004. Not only that, but it only took 4 fish to win. Mark Twain is close, and convenient to most members. It would be really nice if it were a better fishery.

Stockton Lake was up for June of 2004. Most notable event of the tournament was that the catfish were biting. Greg Heinz caught a 7.74lber, but Tom O'Connor took top catfish honors with his 12+ pounder. Bass-wise it only took TWO fish to win the "T". Fishing was really slow (at least for bass).

As always, Pomme De Terre Lake was on the plate for July. The club scale, that we purchased in 1988, FINALLY gave out, and we had to borrow a hand held scale from Neil Schultz for Sunday's weigh in. 32 boats caught 47 fish, for another not-so-good catch ratio for 2004.

Truman Lake in August found the Hawg Hawlers with a new scale, but the catch was down again. Only one of the 27 boats could break into double figures at weigh in. The hospital visit this time was due to Greg Heinz. It seems that his big toe got the worst of it's battle with a couch. The emergency room trip ended at 3am on Sunday morning (take off was at 6am). Thanks to Dan Durbin for providing the transportation to our member in need. BTW, it's healing nicely.

Barrett's Resort, on Wappapello Lake, welcomed the Hawg Hawlers back in September. A total of 282 fish were caught, breaking the low fish count jinx that had plagued us for the last few months. Terry Stanek won his 9th big bass award. This 3 time Angler of the Year, and original member, has a commanding lead in that category.

As usual in the past few years, October found us on the Osage Arm of Lake of the Ozarks again. Runaway II Resort was our host again for the climax of 2004, and a surprise ending to the Angler of the year competition. There were a few anglers in competition, but one showed his stuff and overcame a 13 point deficit to win the title. The Chili Supper was a lot of work for Donnie, Lori, Pam, Chris Treadway, and many others, and was enjoyed by most club members.

After the weigh-in was over, and people were loading out to go home, one of our teams approached the officers and made us aware of a miscalculation. It seems that there was a mistake in the addition on the tally sheet. The mistake gave this team an additional pound on their final weight and put them in 4th place for the tournament. The mistake was corrected on the final tally sheet and points, and payouts were adjusted to the teams that will move up one spot. Bill Mincemeyer and Jason Kennedy, who ended up finishing in 6th place after the recalculation, truly represented the character indicative in this club, and should be commended. Thank you Bill and Jason, for being honest and forthcoming. The Hawg Hawlers is truly fortunate to have members such as you.

All Tournament and Big Bass Winners were presented with individual plaques, acknowledging their accomplishments.

2004 Miscellaneous

All in all it was a very good year for the club. New records were set for the ALL TIME Big Bass, and Heaviest Stringer, and there was a fierce battle for Angler of the Year, that went down to the final fish. Although the final year end numbers have not been tallied yet, early estimates indicate that the club gave away approximately \$15,000.00 in money and prizes at the tournaments, and the banquet. That brings our total payout for the Hawg Hawlers, since 1988, to over \$120,000.00.

Angler of the Year:

As I mentioned the Angler of the Year race came down to the final weigh-in, and literally the final fish. Two-time Angler of the Year, Bob Ray, went into the final tournament with a 13 point lead over Dave Sona and Neil Volkmann. But, as fate would have it, the fish didn't cooperate for Bob, and he saw his 13 point lead dwindle and evaporate. Neil on the other hand, saw an opportunity and went for the "gold". Neil caught 6 fish for the tournament, one of which was the Big Bass for Saturday, and with his partner, Dave Sona, finished in second place, and edged Bob out of the final Angler of the Year standings by a mere 3 points. Congratulations to Neil Volkmann on his FIRST Angler of the Year win. Bob Ray finished just behind Neil, and Dave Sona finished third.

Neil was presented with the Angler of the Year – Traveling Trophy, which he gets to keep until it is presented to the 2005 Angler of the Year winner. Neil also received a 6' 6" Med Heavy, G-Loomis Worm Rod, and an 11"x14" plaque with a color representation of him and a couple of his fish, to commemorate his accomplishment. Neil was also presented with the custom embroidered "Angler of the Year" jacket.

Neil acknowledged two people who provided the support he needed to win this award. The first was his wife. Neil said that they made some "deals", and some agreements, that allowed him to fish enough tournaments to win. Neil also thanked his partner, Dave Sona for being a friend, a teacher, and great boat partner. Dave had a very notable fish at our first tournament in 2004, at Clearwater. Dave's fish weighed in at 7.74 pounds, and was a one quarter pound BIGGER than the LARGEST BASS ever weighed in at a Hawg Hawler Tournament. Unfortunately, Dave's fish didn't get the recognition it deserved, because Josh Zelnis weighed in one that was a just a bit bigger. Neil felt that Dave's fish needed some recognition, so Neil presented Dave with a fish mount of Dave memorable catch. We are truly honored to have a gentleman such as Neil Volkmann as our 2004 Angler of the Year. Congratulations Neil.

Big Bass of the Year

New member, Josh Zelnis, not only caught the Big Bass of the Year, but also, broke the ALL-TIME record for BIGGEST Bass ever caught in the Hawg Hawlers Bass Club. Gene Reim held this record for 10 years wit 7.40lb fish, until Josh Zelnis shattered his record, by over a half of a pound. Josh caught his record fish on a deep diving crankbait, it weighed 7.96 lbs.

For his achievement, Josh was presented with the club Big Bass of the Year – Traveling Trophy, which he gets to keep until it is presented to the 2005 Big Bass of the Year winner. Josh also received a 6' 6" Med Heavy, G-Loomis Worm Rod, and an 11"x14" plaque with a color representation of him and his fish, to commemorate his accomplishment. Congratulations Josh on a most notable fish.

2005 Club Officers

There were a number of volunteers for officers this year. Teddy Reim decided to take the helm for 2005, and the rest of the 2005 officers look like this....

Teddy Reim President
Ken Luzynski Vice President
Rob Cook Secretary
Lori Luzynski Treasurer
Dave McGarity Tournament Chairman
Charlie Beach Webmaster

Thanks to everyone else who volunteered. Congratulations and the best of luck, to the 2005 officers of the Hawg Hawlers Bass Club.

Questions and Answers

The 2004 & 2005 officers fielded some questions regarding some of the members' issues. Subjects that were address, included,

but were not limited to, the lakes to be included on the 2005 Schedule, possible changes to the tournament fishing hours, and possible changes to the Points assignments.

There was also a suggestion to put out a members survey. The officers will compose the survey based on the comments and suggestions made at the dinner, and make it available to all 2004 club members. The 2005 officers will then meet to tally the survey results and report back to the club on their decisions.

Attendance Prize drawing

Chris, Teddy and others came up with \$4,600.00 worth of prizes to be given away at the dinner. By shopping for deals, and buying in quantity, they got approximately 48% OFF the retail prices. Everyone who attended, and fished 2 HH tournaments in 2004 received a prize. Once everyone had a prize, all names went back into the "hat" and we drew names to see who would get the remaining prizes. The average retail value of the prizes was over \$60.00. The 1st grand prize was a Bass Pro Shops Johnny Morris Baitcasting Reel valued at \$150.00. This prize was DONATED by Bass Pro Shops (www.BassProShops.com) (1-800-227-7776) in St. Charles. The 2nd grand prize was a KwikDroP seat pedestal (www.KwikDroP.com) (888-242-6158), that was DONATED by Welker-Young Machine Co. of Wentzville, MO. Congratulations to all of the prize winners and a heartfelt THANK YOU to the supporters of the Hawg Hawlers Bass Club.

Raffle Drawing

The raffle this year was a FREE YEAR of BOAT ENTRIES for 2005. Assuming the boat fees do not increase, the value of this prize is \$450.00 (\$50.00 x 9 T's). After a drum roll, one ticket was drawn, and the winner was Donnie Eubanks. Congratulation Donnie, I guess we'll be seeing more of you in 2005.

A BIG THANK YOU

Tournaments, Chili Suppers, BBQ's, Awards Banquets and even the existence of the Hawg Hawlers Bass Club just don't happen without THREE very important things...Sponsors, Volunteers and Members. If you take any one of those away, we have nothing. We obviously have plenty of each. Our formula is working well. 155 members in 2005, and even with a few trips to the hospital, it was a very eventful and successful year. And now it is time to give thanks.

Our sponsors provided the prizes noted above and are highly recommended as a source for all of your fishing, and other needs. Our sponsors include...

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 BeachNetServices.com YHTI Web Service Provider Cactus Ridge Resort
 G-Loomis Rods Pomme St. Park Marina Cedar Haven Resort (Pomme)

Our volunteer list consists of quite a number of people who fill in where needed for set-up, fix-up and clean-up. Thanks to all of our volunteers, because they are part of the corps of the Hawg Hawlers Bass Club. But SPECIAL recognition goes to the following...

- Bob Treadway for all of his communication with the Department of Conservation, Water Patrol, Corps of Engineers, and other organizations to set up our tournaments, as well as co-chair of various committees, and food-feasts.
- Rob Cook for taking the responsibilities for the points and results sheets for most of 2004.
- The 2004 Officers for their time and organizational abilities to make 2004 a great success.
- Committee chairpersons for 2004 (BBQ, Chili Supper, etc.)
- Everyone who helped out this year when a Hawg Hawler was in need.
- Everyone else who is not mentioned here.....and should be (my apologies).

Lastly, THANK YOU to all Hawg Hawler members and their families, because without you, there is no club. You are the reason the Hawg Hawlers Bass Club exists, and grows every year. The founders, officers, volunteers, and club members would like to extend a Big THANK YOU to each and every member of "OUR" club.

Have a great winter, and hope to see you all in 2005.

Hawg Hawlers Bass Club Tournament Results							Ozarks - 2004 - October				
BOAT	NAMES	BB SAT	BB SUN	# SAT	# SUN	SAT WGT	SUN WGT	PNLTY	TOTAL	POS	PATTERN

37A	Fanter, Jim			2	1	10.69	3.62		14.31	1	The Walker Jig
37B	Walker, Bryan			4	0				14.31	1	
01A	Sona, Dave			1	0	9.02	4.95		13.97	2	Plastics
01B	Volkman, Neil	3.55	4.26	4	2				13.97	2	BB Sat
33A	Grobe, Russ	3.16		4	1	8.79	2.66		11.45	3	White Spinner
33B									11.45	3	
38A	Knoll, Ed			3	1	6.26	1.64		7.90	4	Worms
38B	Sanford, Keith			1	0				7.90	4	
28A	Glass, Joe			0	0	7.45	0.00		7.45	5	
28B	Bartram, Rich	2.87		3	0				7.45	5	
23A	Mincemeyer, Bill			1	0	4.62	2.55		7.17	6	Crankbait Norman's
23B	Kennedy, Jason			1	1				7.17	6	
25A	McGraw, Tom			1	0	6.97	0.00		6.97	7	
25B	McGraw, Mike			2	0				6.97	7	
32A	Wakim, Pam	3.03		2	0	4.56	2.35		6.91	8	
32B	Mertz, Scotty			0	1				6.91	8	
09A	Shands, Greg			1	2	3.18	3.19		6.37	9	
09B	Shands, Andy			1	0				6.37	9	
41A	Cook, Rob			0	0	5.87	0.00		5.87	10	Stuff that didn't work
41B	Ray, Bob			4	0				5.87	10	
36A	Reim, Teddy			1	1	3.28	2.47		5.75		
36B	Reim, Dave			1	0				5.75		
02A	Arnold, Joe	2.72		2	1	4.70	0.68		5.38		
02B	Arnold, Justin			1	0				5.38		
40A	McNeil, Ken		3.07	0	1	2.21	3.07		5.28		
40B	Durbin, Dan			1	0				5.28		
18A	Hasty, Scott			0	1	0.00	5.11		5.11		
18B	Spruell, Brain			0	2				5.11		
06A	Stanek, Terry			0	4	0.00	4.78		4.78		
06B	Treadway, Bob			0	0				4.78		
21A	Brennan, Mike		4.47	0	1	0.00	4.47		4.47		Brush hogs
21B	Black, Tom, Sr.			0	0				4.47		BB Sun & Side pot (\$185)
11A	Luzynski, Lori			1	0	1.94	2.43		4.37		

11B	Gravatte, Craig			0	2				4.37		
42A	Gerner, Tim			1	1	1.20	2.99		4.19		
42B	Reynolds, Doug			0	0				4.19		
07A	DeArmon, Mike			0	0	0.00	4.02		4.02		
07B	DeArmon, Danny			0	1				4.02		
31A	McGarity, Dave			2	0	3.65	0.00		3.65		
31B	McGarity, Cathy			0	0				3.65		
03A	Eubanks, Gary			0	0	0.00	3.35		3.35		
03B	Eubanks, Donnie			0	2				3.35		
29A	Heinz, Greg			0	0	3.07	0.00		3.07		
29B	Heinz, Brian	3.07		1	0				3.07		
39A	Stranghoener, Gary			0	1	0.00	2.43		2.43		
39B	Stranghoener, Tina			0	0				2.43		
10A	Eder, Rich Sr			2	0	2.42	0.00		2.42		
10B	Eder, Rich			0	0				2.42		
08A	Beach, Charlie			0	0	2.09	0.00		2.09		
08B	Beach, Chuck			1	0				2.09		
12A	Miller, Mike			1	0	2.06	0.00		2.06		
12B	Wehner, Brian			0	0				2.06		
19A	Creamer, Tom			1	0	1.62	0.00		1.62		
19B	Robbin, Ken			0	0				1.62		
22A	Ketcherside, John			0	0	1.26	0.00		1.26		
22B	Nolie, Kelly			1	0				1.26		
13A	Armstrong, Rick			0	0	1.16	0.00		1.16		
13B	Musual, Frank			1	0				1.16		
14A	Maness, John			0	0	0.00	1.11		1.11		
14B	Tidwell, Larry			0	1				1.11		
26A	Reim, Ted			0	1	0.00	1.04		1.04		
26B	Medley, Gary			0	0				1.04		
35A	Lichius, Warren			0	0	0.74	0.00		0.74		
35B	O'Connor, Tom			1	0				0.74		
04A	Gleeson, Terry			0	x	0.00	0.00		0.00		
04B	Koirtyohann, Jason			0	x				0.00		

05A	[did not attend]			x	x				0.00		
05B	[did not attend]			x	x				0.00		
15A	Haselhorst, Jason			x	0	0.00	0.00		0.00		
15B	Meek, Rich			x	0				0.00		
16A	Fileccia, Ed			0	0	0.00	0.00		0.00		
16B	Fileccia, Judy			0	0				0.00		
17A	Simington, Mark			0	0	0.00	0.00		0.00		
17B	Hull, Dave			0	0				0.00		
20A	Williams, Steve			0	0	0.00	0.00		0.00		
20B	Schumacher, Brian			0	0				0.00		
24A	Bost, Terry			0	0	0.00	0.00		0.00		
24B	Neff, Eric			0	0				0.00		
27A	[did not attend]			x	x				0.00		
27B	[did not attend]			x	x				0.00		
30A	Ward, John			0	0	0.00	0.00		0.00		
30B	Boyette, Mark			0	0				0.00		
34A	Luzynski, John			0	0	0.00	0.00		0.00		
34B	Luzynski, Ken			0	0				0.00		