

## Clearwater -- Let's Get Ready to Rumble

Why do we fish the tournaments? Some fish for the camaraderie. Some fish to have a weekend away WITH the better half. Some fish to have a weekend away FROM the other half. Some fish to have an opportunity to toss back a few. Some fish to go fast on the water and feel the wind in their hair. Most fish because it is an opportunity to compete.

The survey we sent out gave the members an opportunity to provide feedback of how we, as officers, can help make their tournament season more successful. There were requests to provide winning patterns. As a response to that request, one section of the newsletter will provide the history of past winners and their (reported) winning patterns for the next scheduled tournament. I will also provide past lake and weather conditions if they are available.

### Clearwater History

| <b>2005</b>        |               |                                     |  |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|--|
|                    | <b>Angler</b> |                                     | <b>Pattern</b>                         |
| 1st Place          | Chuck Elders  |                                     | Secret Homemade Jigs                   |
| 2nd Place          | Bill Scheller | Russ Grobe                          | Brown jigs                             |
| 3rd Place          | Brian Walker  | Jim Fanter                          | Texascrew Jigs                         |
| Weather Conditions |               | High Skies with high winds at times |  |
| Air Temp           |               | 57 to 84 deg                        |  |
| Lake Conditions    |               | 2'+ visibility with green tint      |  |
| Lake Level         |               | 494.5 normal pool is 494.0          |  |
| Water Temp         |               | 49-53 deg                           |  |
| Winds              |               | 6 to 17 mph SW                      |  |
| <b>2004</b>        |               |                                     |  |
|                    | <b>Angler</b> |                                     | <b>Pattern</b>                         |
| 1st Place          | Dave Sona     | Niel Volkmann                       | Brush Hogs and Hula Grubs              |
| 2nd Place          | Scott Hasty   | Rob Cook                            | Rat-L Traps                            |
| 3rd Place          | Ed Fileccia   | Judy fileccia                       | Red Wiggle Warts                       |
| <b>2003</b>        |               |                                     |  |
|                    | <b>Angler</b> |                                     | <b>Pattern</b>                         |
| 1st Place          | Ted Reim      | Gary Medley                         | Strike King Deep Diving Crankbaits     |
| 2nd Place          | Terry Bost    | Dave Jett                           | Centipedes                             |
| 3rd Place          | Dave Sona     | Neil Volkmann                       | Brush Hogs, Spinner Baits & Stickbaits |

Why fish Clearwater? There is no length limit on the lake. That obviously **MUST** mean that there are only small fish at Clearwater. If that is the assumption you made, **YOU ARE WRONG.**

2005 1<sup>st</sup> Place took 10.52lbs to win including a 5.45lb Bass for that team.

2004 1<sup>st</sup> Place took 14.89lbs to win including a 7.74lb Bass for that team.

2003 1<sup>st</sup> place took 12.34lbs to win including a 4.58lb Bass for that team.

Only small fish,. Yea right. Remember these are 1 day totals for 5 fish per angler.

Oh, by the way, guess where the club record Big Bass was caught. That's right, **CLEARWATER.** In 2004 Josh Zelnis hauled in a 7.96lb Big Bass to set the Club Record. His team reported that they were using deep cranks.

## **Directions to the Lake**

Take Highway 55 South to Highway 67 south. Follow Hwy 67 to Highway 34 west. Follow Hwy 34 to the city of Piedmont. Continue Hwy 34 through the city of Piedmont until you reach the Walmart Store. Make a right onto Highway HH in front of the Walmart and follow Hwy HH for 7 miles to the Clearwater Lake Dam. Highway HH ends at a T intersection on top of the Clearwater Lake Dam. Make a right at the T intersection on top of the dam onto County Road #418 and follow to the Piedmont Park Recreation Area. The park entrance will be on your left. When you reach the park entrance do not enter the park. Instead, continue following County Road #418 as it continues on towards the right. After the park, the next entrance on your left will be for the Piedmont Park Marina.

Piedmont Park Marina, Piedmont MO, 314-223-7224. Note; the marina will be open for drinks and sandwiches. **NO GAS AND NO FISHING LICENSE AVAILABLE AT THE MARINA.** Walmart in Piedmont "should" be open and they do sell fishing license.

## **Tournament Entry**

As a reminder, please make sure your tournament entry form arrives to Lori no later than Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM. Get your entry in early. The record attendance for Clearwater is 44 boats in 2004.

## **New Members**

The following list is of club members who were not members in 2005. Please give them a warm welcome.

Charlie Landis, Mark Landis, Thomas Love, Michael Parmentier, Michael Parmentier Jr, Andy Rodgers, Billy Rodgers, Larry Rutledge, John Salvo, Lavern Shelp and William Swann.

## **Club Apparel**

Pam Wakim, Vice President, is taking orders for Club Logo T-shirts. Please take a look at the Hawg Hawlers Web Site for more information

## **Tournament Directors**

The Tournament Directors for the Clearwater Lake Tournament are Terry Stanek and Bob Treadway. Note: there are very few spots left for Tournament Directors (only 5 remaining) Sunday – Mark Twain, Sunday – Truman, Sunday – Wappapelo, Saturday and Sunday Ozarks (October). Contact Bob Treadway to sign up.

Remember, 2 points are awarded to volunteers for Tournament Directors. Please help us fill the remaining spots.

## **Newsletter**

This will be the last Newsletter mailed to you unless you checked the “snail mail” box on the membership form. In an effort to keep administration costs down, the club officers recommend that you access the web site for the newsletter. The main disadvantage of not using the web site for the newsletter is that you will only get the small thumbnail pictures in the printed copy. I will print and mail a copy of the Newsletter to all who have checked the box on the Membership Form.

## **From the Presidents Boat**

It's nice to see the old familiar names, and also so many new names listed in member listing area of HawgHawlers.com. We even have new members signing up as “T” directors (thank you). We are off to a rip-roaring start to 2006. Now all we have to do is to break all of the records set in previous years. My challenge to all past HH members is to catch more and bigger fish than they have in the past (just not more and bigger than mine...wink-wink). I'm sure I speak for all Hawg Hawlers in welcoming our new members to the club. Please introduce yourselves around, we are more than competitors, we are friends. So far it looks like we have a great start on 2006, let's make it a year for the record books.

See you all at the lake...

Greg.