

MARK TWAIN LAKE JUNE 7- 8

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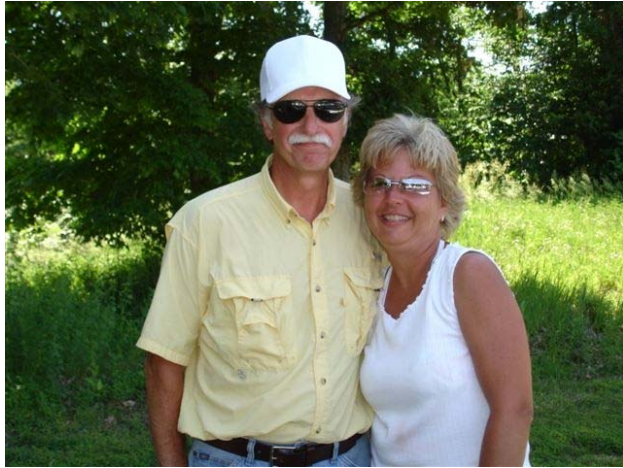
14 Boats braved the high gas prices, high winds, and high muddy water this past weekend at Mark Twain Lake. A total of 33 fish were brought to the scales. Three fish were the most that any one angler caught. Many boats reported catching a lot of short fish and several anglers reported catching catfish. And one guy in the boat with me even caught a 20 pound snapping turtle. I also heard that the white bass bite was on.



Taking First Place was Pam Wakim and Bob Treadway. They had 3 fish each for a total weight of 16.02 pounds. They reported catching all their fish on crankbaits. Guess Pam broke her new boat in right.



Second Place went to Greg and Andy Shands. They had 5 fish for a team total weight of 11.46 lbs. They used their trademark bait (brush hogs) to catch their fish. If they could have weighed in all the catfish and the snapping turtle they caught, they would have easily walked away with first place.



Third Place was won by Terry Stanek and Lori Luzynski. They had 5 fish which weighed in at 10.96 pounds. Brush hogs and buzz baits were the ticket for them.



Fourth Place spot goes to Terry Bost and Mark Boyette with 4 fish weighing 10.02 pounds. They used Brush hogs to amass their catch.



Big Bass for Saturday was caught by Pam Wakim. It weighed 3.93 pounds and was caught on a crankbait.



Big Bass for Sunday was brought in by Ken Jones. It weighed 5.37 pounds and Ken said he caught it on a Hoodaddy (different version of a brush hog). Ken also won the side pot of \$70.00.

Big bass of the Year to date:

Dave Jett's - 5.95 pounds.

Angler of the Year Race

Top ten anglers to date:

- 1) Pam Wakim, 74 pts
- 2) Terry Stanek, 66 pts
- 3) Chris Jackson, 57 pts
- 4) Andy Shands, 51 pts
- 5) Jeff Schwent, 51 pts
- 6) Lori Luzynski, 46 pts
- 7) Bob Treadway, 45 pts
- 8) Mike Parmentier, 43 pts
- 9) John Ward, 41 pts
- 10) Greg Shands, 40 pts

The Club BBQ was held at South Fork Resort this weekend. Hawg Hawlers would like to thank South Fork for the use of their pavilion and their hospitality. Dean Sullivan did an outstanding job smoking and preparing pulled pork for sandwiches. Lori Luzynski brought some of her delicious desserts for everyone. Thank you Dean, Lori and everyone else that contributed to making the BBQ a success.

A Special Thank You goes out to Ken Jones and Bob Thome for towing Terry and Lori back in on Sunday when their cranking battery gave out. There was only 20 minutes left until the tournament was over and Ken had a five pounder in the livewell but they still stopped to help. Also, Terry said on their way home they saw the Schwents off on the side of the road with a flat. Terry and Lori pulled over to help but then Dan and Dean pulled over behind them to help and waved at Terry and Lori to go on. Dan told me when they talked to Schwents, Jeff said they were okay. That's what has always made this club so special, no matter what a member may be doing; they will always stop and help you if they can.

The Next Tournament is at Lake Wappapello on July 19-20 out of Sundowner Marina. We still need tournament directors for Saturday. If you would like to volunteer please contact Dan or Dean.



From Cuz's Boat

This month's article is to all the dads out there! As we move out and begin a household of our own, we are constantly borrowing things from our father, whether it be a carpenter square, a set of saw horses, a saw, or fishing gear. Sometime, however, the table gets turned, as was the case with Greg and Andrew Hoch. It seems that dad borrowed son's high dollar rod and reel for this past weekend's tournament. Even after being warned not to let anything happen to his expensive rod and reel, guess who lost it overboard! Dad had made the comment before hand that if anything happened to it, he would replace it. As the story was told, Greg spent at least an hour wading in six foot deep water hoping to step on the lost rod to no avail. Guess it's time to pay up dad! Here's to an expensive tournament for father's day, just not the way Greg would have liked it.

Cheer up Andrew, I'm sure Dad will hold up his end of the deal and you'll be fishing with a new rod before the summer is over. And at some point in time you both will look back and laugh about the whole thing.

Andy has an eight and a half foot custom flipping stick that I would love to borrow but after the Hoch's ordeal, I think I will reconsider.