

RESULTS & NEWS – JULY 2009

Wappapello Lake – July 18-19, 2009

Written by: Lori Luzynski

Location: Sundowner Marina

Time: Sat: 6:00 AM – 12:00 PM Sun: 6:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Lake Conditions: Lake: Slightly Stained / River: Muddy

Lake Level: 359 (Normal 359.74)

Water Temp: 80-86

Air Temp: Saturday 60-80 / Sunday 60-80

Weather: Saturday/Sunday was an extremely abnormal for July. The weather was actually awesome!!

Winds: Saturday 10mph / Sunday light and variable

8 boats turned out at Wappapello Lake. A total of 52 fish were brought to the scales.

Tournament Results



WELL, THEY DID IT AGAIN - GREG AND ANDY SHANDS TAKE THE WIN WITH 15 FISH WEIGHING 14.31 LBS. This is their 5th 1st place win this year. You guys are making it pretty easy for me to do 1st place in the newsletter. I'm almost to the point that I can leave the names out and people will be able to guess who won!! By the way Andy, I'm pretty impressed with your talents after only one hour of sleep in a 48 hour time frame. Congrats to both of you. Again, what an achievement!! They reported catching their fish on everything: Olive Colored Crankbaits, Sexy Shad Colored Crankbaits, Chartreuse Spinnerbaits and yes, Green Pumpkin Brush Hogs. They took home \$106.00 for first place. Great job guys again!!



Second place was Ken Jones and Bob Treadway. They had a total of 9 fish weighing 9.75 lbs. They reported catching their fish on Jigs and Green Pumpkin Creature Baits (Bob said, you know, those things that Pam throws!!). They took home \$70.00.



Third place was Richard Beckham and Jason Sportsman. They had a total of 8 fish weighing 7.12 lbs. They reported catching their fish on Green Pumpkin Worms and Chartreuse Crankbaits. Shorty (their dog) did a great job guiding this time – he liked the weather much better this past weekend! They took home \$50.00.

Fourth place was Mike and Brian Jankowski. They had a total of 8 fish weighing 5.43 lbs. By the way Mike, you're really turning out to be a great "Net Dad"!! LOL They reported catching their fish on Green Pumpkin Worms and Chartreuse/Blue Crankbaits. They took home \$50.00.



BIG BASS for Saturday goes to Richard Beckham with his huge 1.48 lb. fish (Only teasing – hey – you beat out 15 other anglers!!). He reported catching it on a Green Shakey Head. He collected a check for \$30.00. Great job Richard!!



BIG BASS for Sunday goes to Andy Shands with his nice 3.35 lb. fish. He reported catching it on a Chartreuse Spinnerbait. Hey – you should stay up for 48 hours more often!! LOL He collected a check for \$30.00 in addition to the side pot of \$40.00. Great job Andy!!

Honorable mentions:

Sunday: Ken Jones, 2.86 lbs. – Nice fish Ken!!

CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners!!

(See complete tournament results below.)

Giveaways

This tournament we gave away a one night free stay for one member at Twin Oaks Resort (Wap). The lucky winner was Jason Sportsman. We also gave away some certificates for our next tournament at Pomme de Terre Lake. The first certificate was for a one night free stay for one member at Nemo Bridge Resort. The lucky winner was Jeff Tschannan. We also had a voucher for a \$50 discount off of a 2 night stay for one member at Indian Hills Resort. The lucky winner for this was Brian Jankowski. A big thanks to Twin Oaks Resort, Nemo Bridge Resort and Indian Hills Resort. We truly appreciate the support that these Marinas and Resorts give our Club. Congrats to Jason, Jeff and Brian!!

A free tournament coupon was won by Bob Treadway. Congrats to Bob!!

Special Thanks To:

A big thank you goes out to Sundowner Marina for letting us have our tournament there. A special thanks also goes out to our Tournament Directors Ken Jones and Bob Treadway and Mike Jankowski and Brian Jankowski.

Who's New ?

Welcome new and past returning member Duane Noyes. Glad to have you aboard!!

Club Business

It's that time of year:

If you ever thought about being a club officer, now is the time to think about it seriously. This is your opportunity to be an integral part of this great club and give something back to it and its members. Anyone interested in being an officer, should take a look at the officer duties (see Article III of the Bylaws) for the various positions, so you will know what is involved and what is expected of you. If you are interested in nominating yourself or another member for an officer position, please let one of the officers know.

Did You Know:

Earlier this year, Terry and I ran into Jeff Schwent at Cabela's. We had noticed he was buying a fair amount of discounted hard baits and had asked him why. He told us that he buys the discounted hard baits and re-paints them. This weekend at Wappapello we got a chance to see some of his handy-work. Here are some pictures of the hand painted lures that illustrates Jeff's talents. Great job Jeff! (Check out the photo page on our website to notice the very detailed scales on some of these lures.)



Some Memorable Moments.....



My Most Memorable Fishing Moment (Actually I Have Two)

Gwen McNeil... Most of you probably don't know, but I grew up on a farm with 2 brothers and 2 sisters. We were a very traditional family with women doing "women" things and men doing "men" things. However, I broke this tradition whenever possible and became a real "tom boy". My Dad absolutely loved to fish and he and my uncle were the best fishing buddies, taking off on just about every Sunday to a local creek or pay lake. Occasionally, they would take my brothers, but the only time the girls got to go was when Mom and my aunt prepared a picnic. It was on one of these occasions where I had my most memorable moment.

My uncle was a high school industrial arts teacher in South Carolina and in the summer, he would work as a ranger at Clarks Hill Reservoir. When we would visit, somehow my uncle would be able to take my Dad fishing with him. (I think "fishing" was in his job description.) When I was about 15 or 16 years old, we were visiting from Ohio. Fulfilling his duties, my uncle took my Dad to "work" with him. Clarks Hill Reservoir is a gorgeous place and loving the outdoors, my Dad really didn't have a problem tagging along with him all day.

My Mom, aunt, cousin and 2 sisters made plans to meet them in the evening for a delicious lakeside picnic. When Dad and uncle arrived, they had a string of several bass, weighing in the 1 pound and under range. (I have a vivid memory and am very good at estimating weight!)

While we were eating, a fish was jumping every minute or so in the cove near our picnic table. When I got up from the table, Dad asked where I was going. I told him I was going to catch that fish. He laughed uproariously and said, "You ain't gonna catch that fish". Well, I went down the hill with his rod and reel and whatever lure he had tied on it. By the way, I inherited that old rod and Shakespeare reel. Since he used spincast reels, even I could get the hook in the water. But it didn't have to go far and it didn't stay in the water long until I had my very first fish! I didn't know anything about setting the hook, but when I jumped with excitement, somehow I had him!

I got it to shore and my Dad and uncle were absolutely amazed. They had been fishing, I mean "working" all day and in less than a minute, I had a bigger fish than they had caught all day. Although they were really happy for me, and I never let them live it down! After that, I went fishing with my Dad whenever I could. Unfortunately, those times were way too few!

Now let's fast forward many years to my second most memorable moment of fishing. Kenny and I had been dating for a while and he finally invited me to go fishing with him. He had been teaching me how to cast for awhile and he thought I was ready. We went to Mark Twain and launched at "U" Ramp. We didn't go far, when we went into a cove where he told me I needed to use a spinner bait. While I made a few casts successfully, there were more where I ended up with a birds nest. Since I had not yet learned how to get out of that mess, Kenny had to do it for me. I still can't believe he didn't take me back to the ramp and tell me to wait in the truck!

One time, he had worked really hard to get my reel straightened out and handed me the rod. Since my spinner bait was in the water, I knew I was probably hung up. Sure enough, when I started reeling, I felt the dreaded tug. Is it a log or a rock? Wait! It doesn't feel like either. And then I saw it, he must have been on the whole time. I reeled in the 2nd bass of my life and it was about 1½ pounds! I was so proud and Kenny just shook his head. Unfortunately, we didn't have the camera!

Since then, I have caught a 24" Walleye at Mark Twain, a 3# smallie at Dale Hollow and many, many largemouths. I'm still waiting for the 5 pounder, but nothing will erase my memory of my first "HAWG".

Thanks Gwen for sharing some of your special memories with us!! If anyone else would like to share some memories with us, please let me know. We'd love to hear them!!

Next Tournament

Our next tournament will be at Pomme de Terre Lake

Location: Pomme de Terre State Park Marina Phone: 417-852-4567

<http://www.pomme.stateparkmarina.com>

Sat. Aug. 15th: 6:00 AM – 12:00 PM and Sun. Aug. 16th: 6:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Tournament Directors:

Saturday:

Sunday: Chris Parker and Stephen Cox

We are still in need of tournament directors. This is one of the best ways to be involved – this is your club!! Please let Dean or Ken know if you are interested in helping us out.

Reminder about Nemo Bridge Resort: If you are staying at Nemo's, please remember to tell Shelly you are with Hawg Hawlers. She has graciously agreed to honor last year's pricing: \$55/night instead of \$65/night.

About State Park Marina

Your Host: Teresa

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Phone: 417-852-4567

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Directions: *From St. Louis*

Travel west on I-44 to Lebanon. Take Hwy. 64 west through Louisburg, passing the turnoff for Bennett Spring State Park. Continue right on Hwy. 64 toward Pittsburg. Turn left at Hwy. 64B.

Pomme de Terre Lake History

2008 (Aug)

1st Place – Tom O'Connor/Warren Lichius, 13 fish, 19.56 lbs., Flukes

2nd Place – Mike Parmentier/Larry Rutledge, 9 fish, 14.42 lbs., Brush Hogs and Shakey Head Worms

3rd Place – Lori Luzynski/Mike Jankowski, 7 fish, 11.73 lbs., Brush Hogs

Big Bass – Mike Parmentier, 3.34 lbs., Shakey Head Worm

2007 (Sept)

1st Place – Terry Stanek/Frank Stanek, 14 fish, 23.73 lbs., Brush Hogs and Crankbaits

2nd Place – Jim Evers/Andy Reynolds, 13 fish, 20.58 lbs., Rattletraps and Crankbaits

3rd Place – Steve Carnal/Dennis Wentzel, 14 fish, 20.54 lbs., Brush Hogs and Worms

Big Bass – Charlie Beach, 4.96 lbs., Pop-R

2006 (July)

1st Place – John Luzynski/Dave McGarity, 6 fish, 13.28 lbs., Brush Hogs

2nd Place – Charlie Beach/Brooke Beach, 7 fish, 13.13 lbs., Eakins Jigs and 10" Worms

3rd Place – Greg Hoch/Andrew Hoch, 8 fish, 13.05 lbs., Worms

Big Bass – Greg Shands, 4.08 lbs., Chug Bug

From the President's Boat

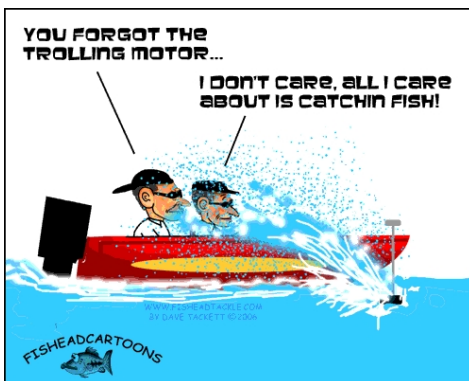
Written by Mike Jankowski

Recently I ran across a short verse I had saved from a program presented many years ago at the end of the year award ceremony at Fort Zumwalt South High School. Both of my sons, David and Brian, were fortunate enough to run Cross Country for South High and years after both had graduated, the school went on to win a state championship in Cross Country.

The verse stuck with me back then and when I read it today I still find it contains a very powerful meaning. Whether you are competing in a Hawg Hawler Tournament or competing with the rest of the world in your daily life, its meaning can not be denied.

As far as I know this verse does not have a title and I do not know the author. Perhaps some of you have read this somewhere else, if not here it is.

If you think you're beaten, you are.
If you think you dare not, you don't.
If you'd like to win but you think you can't
it's almost a cinch you won't.
If you think you'll lose, you've lost.
For on this world you'll find success begins
with a person's will.
It's all a state of mind.
If you think you're outclassed, you are.
You've got to think high to rise.
You've got to be sure of yourself before you
can ever win the prize.
Life's battles don't always go to the bigger
stronger or faster person.
But sooner or later, the one who wins is
the one who thinks they can.



HAWG HAWLERS WEIGH IN DATA SHEET

LAKE: **LAKE WAPPAPELLO**

DATE: **18-Jul-09**

BOAT #	TEAM MEMBERS	SATURDAY			SUNDAY			TOURNAMENT TOTALS			
		# OF FISH	WEIGHT	BIG BASS	# OF FISH	WEIGHT	BIG BASS	# OF FISH	TOTAL FISH	TOTAL WEIGHT	PLACE
7	Greg Shands	4	6.23		3	8.08		7	15	14.31	1
	Andy Shands	4			4		3.35	8			
8	Ken Jones	1	4.17	1.37	3	5.58	2.86	4	9	9.75	2
	Bob Treadway	3			2			5			
4	Richard Beckham	1	2.49	1.48	4	4.63		5	8	7.12	3
	Jason Sportsman	2			1			3			
1	Mike Jankowski	1	2.55		0	2.88		1	8	5.43	4
	Brian Jankowski	3			4			7			
6	Mick Schwent	2	1.62		2	2.94		4	5	4.56	5
	Jeff Schwent	0			1			1			
2	Lori Luzynski	0	0.69		1	1.54		1	3	2.23	6
	Terry Stanek	1			1			2			
5	Jeff Tschannen	0	0.00		1	2.02		1	2	2.02	7
	Ben Gerdes	0			1			1			
3	Dan Durbin	1	1.07		0	0.00		1	2	1.07	8
	Dean Sullivan	1			0			1			

SAT BIG BASS **1.48** SUN BIG BASS **3.35** TOURNAMENT BIG BASS **3.35**