

NEWSLETTER

Hawg Hawlers Bass Club of St. Louis

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Wappapello Lake Results

Wappapello was true to form this year. A total of 106 fish were caught. Another reoccurring event that is becoming a nasty habit with our club is mechanical and general boating problems. And this month was no exception. We had among other things....a speeding ticket, a flat tire, a dead cranking battery and a motor that wouldn't start. There was one prop that came home a little more damaged, and one rod and reel that went swimming, but only for a while (it was eventually "dredged" up).

The weather was almost unbearable. Those guy's who suggested the morning/morning format should get a medal. It is almost unimaginable to fish in the afternoon sun on days like we had. Some members stayed at resorts that had pools and reported that their pools were a GREAT way to beat the heat (food for thought for next month). And we had some other members who didn't think it was too hot to play golf....so they did. I hope they had fun, cause you ainta gonna seea noa mea outta ona noa dada guma golfa coursea whena it'sa 8 Billion degrees. NOa WAYa!

Another bright spot during the weekend was that we had a couple of members (in the younger age range) who fished Wappapello with us. And what's more important.....they caught fish. Chuck Beach brought in 2 keepers, Rich Boyd Jr. had 2 also, and Nick Tomasiak had 3. Nice going guy's, remember catch and release.

Wappapello Lake Totals (breakdown on attached sheet)

Year	# of fish	TOTAL weight	# of boats	1 st place	BIG Bass SAT	BIG Bass SUN
1998	106	70.35	20	8.77	1.64	1.88

1st Place Ted Reim/Gene Reim
11 fish - 8.77 lbs
prize: \$ 164.00 (6 points each)
pattern: Plastic worms.

2nd Place Brian Robinson/Tom O'Connor
8 fish - 6.48 lbs
prize: \$ 138.00 (5 points each)
pattern: Crankbait.

3rd Place Terry Stanek/Bob Treadway
10 fish - 5.56 lbs
prize: \$ 104.00 (4 points each)
pattern: Chompers.

4th Place Chuck Elders/Larry Berry
8 fish - 5.34 lbs
prize: \$ 84.00 (3 points each)
pattern: Lizards.

5th Place Bob Ray/Don Ernst
7 fish - 4.69 lbs
prize: \$ 60.00 (2 points each)
pattern: Black worms.

6th Place Rick Armstrong/Steve Armstrong
7 fish - 4.54 lbs
prize: \$ 50.00 (1 points each)
pattern: Chompers.

BIG BASS (Sat) 1.64 - Greg Heinz
prize: \$ 100.00 and 2 points.
pattern: 5" Green Worm

BIG BASS (Sun) 1.88 - Brian Robinson
prize: \$ 100.00 and 2 points.
pattern: Crankbait.



"Squeaker" Award

.21 lbs - Greg Heinz

The "Squeaker" Award doesn't hurt too much because of the listing directly above this (and the one listed below ☺).



☺ ☺ **Coat-tails Award** ☺ ☺

....or the "Netter of the Month". . .

Tom O'Connor

Tom was so busy netting Brian's 8 fish...he didn't hardly have time to fish himself. Or Brian just wouldn't tell Tom what he was using.

Tip of the Month: **BACKLASH ARRESTER**

Make a long cast with one of your heaviest lures and then pull another 10yds of line off your spool. Wrap a piece of Scotch tape around the spool, and wind your line back onto the spool. When the windy day comes, or you hook your partners ear, your backlash will only go as deep as the tape. Yet, the tape can pull off and allow you to play a big fish, if necessary.

Next Tournament - Truman II . . .

It's time to RETURN to Truman Lake. Because of it's popularity it was decided early on that we would visit Truman twice in 1998. Our May tournament to Truman was less than exciting with 16 boats and only 17 fish. If you caught two fish you were probably in the money. Big Bass's were 2.74 and 3.00 pounds. Not much to speak of....but wait! We have another try at the old "Buck stops here" Lake. And that try is coming up next.

Truman Data...

Lake Record - 4.79 lbs - Ray Burns - Aug '92.

Top 1st Place weight - 29.36 lbs - Henry/Price - May '93.

Mark and Dan caught their fish on blk/blu salt crawls in shallow water.

Defending Champs - O'Connor/Robinson - 3 fish - 6.82 lbs.

Tom and Brian caught their fish on chompers.

Big Bass of the Year - Update

Big Bass of the year **SO FAR** is a 4.44 lber by Kelly Nolie. While we wish Kelly the best of luck for his fish to hold up for the Big Bass of the Year, we have 3 tournaments remaining, and each one could produce a lunker or two.

Tournament Director Shortage!

Do you have your 2 points for serving as Tournament Director this year? You know there is a maximum of 4 points available during the tournament season?

Please see the enclosed schedule and notice the right hand column. There you will see many open spots where your name could go. You not only get 2 points for being "TD", but you get first take off on one of the days of the tournament, not to mention that you are helping out the club. Call Rick "Tournament Chairman" Armstrong and reserve your spot today. After this little advertisement, in this fine publication, the spots will go fast. Open lakes include Truman and Table Rock.

Stretch D. Truth says "I knew two guys



. . . . who found a medium sized blimp suspended offshore. This is the kind of blimp used as a Navy radar platform to intercept drug traffic. They noticed there was a tether line hanging from the blimp, and trying to reduce Government

spending, decided to do the Navy a favor, and tow it back to shore. They radioed the Coast Guard and told them as to their intent. The Coast Guard agreed and the boys tied the blimp to the back of their Boston Whaler and headed for shore. It wasn't long before they passed through an area of warmer air. The warmer air heated up the blimp and it started to rise. Later, the Coast Guard found a cooler, a couple of life jackets and our two hero's floating in the water 500 feet above them was their Boston Whaler still tied to the blimp. The Coast Guard rescued the boys, and because the blimp and the boat were such a hazard, they called in an F-16, from Homestead Air Force Base, to "bring it down". It's just impossible to reduce Government spending.

Truth may be stranger than fiction,

but sometimes it needs to be *S-t-r-e-t-c-h-e-d'*

Awards Banquet: As announced at the beginning of this year there is a 2 tournament requirement to get into the Awards Banquet **FREE**. Anyone not having fished 2 tournaments during the current year, will have to pay for the dinner and will not be eligible for attendance prizes. So, get your 2 tournaments in so you will be eligible.

Tournament Sign-ups: Because we only have a 3 week window between some of our tournaments, there has been some difficulty getting newsletters out quickly. Please remember that to sign up for a tournament all we need is the names of the boater and partner, the lake you are registering for, and your entry fee. **THE ACTUAL FORM IS NOT NECESSARY**. If you want to sign up for a tournament you do not need to wait for the form, you can sign up without it. Just send in your entry with 2 names and a lake. See you at the lake.

Club Apparel: Please find enclosed a Club Apparel order form. If anyone wants Tee's, Sweats, or a Jacket, please mark up the list and return it with your payment. Sorry, hat's are not available. Some sizes of Tees and Sweats (w/logo) will be available at the Truman tournament.

Ron Czamecki passed away last week, apparently from a blood clot. Ron was 41 years old. Many of you did not know Ron, but he was a member of this club for many years in the early and mid '90's. Ron fished with his brother Marty, and always had a smile on his face. He worked at Emerson with Terry, Steve and Mark. He was truly, one of the good guys. Ron was a friend to many, and he will be missed.