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The Stockton Tournament will be held at Stockton State Park Marina.

Directions to the marina:

Take I-44 southwest to Springfield, turn north on Highway 13, turn west on Highway 215 to Stockton State Park Marina. It is faster to go all the way to Springfield and then north to the lake. Highway 32 is two lanes and has a lot of curves (not a very good highway).

Here are some nearby resorts if you still need reservations.



BBQ

The barbecue at Stockton will be Saturday at 11:30am at the marina parking lot - near the ramp. BBQ burgers, dogs, buns and chips for all club members fishing the tournament. Bring your own drinks and chairs.

From the President's Boat

The Hawg Hawlers first trip to Bull Shoals was a success. There were many fish caught in spite of the stormy weather. I was very pleased with the response to the 12" limit on Kentucky Bass. Many anglers had fish to weigh in that otherwise may not have counted. I wanted everyone to catch fish. Let's face it, we all like to weigh-in fish. Everyone I have spoken to since the tournament has had a positive response to the 12" limit and commented on how many extra fish were weighed in because of the benefit that the Department of Conservation allowed us to use. This regulation essentially doubled the number of bass that anglers could catch and keep. The color handouts given to each team was helpful in recognizing the difference between spots and largemouth bass. Thanks to Tom O'Connor and Gene Reim for helping everyone with their catches. I know there was some mixed feelings before the tournament but I think we can be proud of the end results. Since this event went so well, how do you feel about 12" limit on spots at Lake of the Ozarks in October? We will put the question on the October entry form. If you have any questions or comments please call me or any of the other officers. We want everyone to have a good experience with our club.

Enough of the serious stuff, don't forget the BBQ at Stockton. We will eat at 11:30 on Saturday. We hope to see everyone there. There will be plenty of food and I'm sure some good fish stories so bring your drinks, lawn chairs, and appetite.

Last but not least, welcome again to our new members Frank Musial, Joanie Dieckhaus, and Darla Ketcherside. We are glad you chose to fish with the Hawg Hawlers. See you at Stockton.

Gary

Big Bass



Sat Ted Reim
2.41 lb.
\$95.00 (2 points)
pattern: c-rigged chomper

Sun Bryan Walker
2.98 lb.
\$95.00 (2 points)
pattern: split shot-rigged centipedes

Bull Shoals Results

# of total fish	# of 1st wt.	sat boats	sun pla	bbass	bbass
55	94.43	19	20.03	2.41	2.98



1st Place

Bryan Walker/Jim Fanter
12 fish - 20.03 lb.
\$164.00 (5 points each)
pattern: split shot-rigged centipedes

Coattails



Todd Steinke
no fish
finished 2nd place



2nd Place

Charlie Beach/Todd Steinke
8 fish - 10.49 lb.
\$142.00 (4 points each)
pattern: Super Flukes

Some More Nice Fish



3rd Place

Greg Heinz/Bob Ray
5 fish - 8.44 lb.
\$110.00 (3 points each)
pattern: Super Flukes



4th Place

Chuck Elders/Don Ernst
3 fish - 6.55 lb.
\$88.00 (2 points)
pattern: c-rigged lizard

5th Place

Pam Wakim/Randall Monroe
4 fish - 6.52 lb.
\$66.00 (1 points each)
pattern: flat-A, broken back minnow

If you have an item for the newsletter call Pam at 839-7509 or send email to pamwakim@aol.com





And the award goes to

Gary Eubanks

celebrating his 23.3 lb. fish.



It was unfortunate for Gary that this fish was the wrong species. Personally, I would have tried to weigh this one in - "Hey! It swallowed my 11 lb. bass! I swear!" You do have to give him some credit. From what I've been told he was only using 10 lb. line. Nice touch Gary!

Stockton: Hawg Hawler History

year	# of fish	total wt.	# of boats	1st pla	big bass
96	27	57.59	10	13.69	4.57
97	29	53.01	21	9.38	5.03
98	24	43.03	16	6.61	2.63

The lake record was set by Bill Enright with a 5.03 pound lunker caught on a chug bug. Top 1st place weight is 13.69 lb. by Dave Sona and Steve Kehrer. Their fish were caught on purple worms and jerkbaits.



Humor

Four Hawg Hawlers were getting ready for a tournament. They appointed Jake to get the supplies. Jake went into a store and bought six cases of whiskey, twelve kegs of beer and a package of hotdogs. When he returned from the store the other Hawg Hawlers looked in his truck and asked, "Jake, what the hell are we gonna do with all them hotdogs?"

Two guys were fishing on the Pacific Ocean. Their motor broke down and they drifted with the wind for 10 days. They were really hurtin' as they had no food or water. One guy looked over the side of the boat and saw a genie lamp. He plucks it out of the water and starts to rub it. **POOF!!!!!!** Out pops a tired and burnt out looking genie. The genie says, "Look guys, I've been doing the 3 wish thing for a long time now and I'm tired of it! You guys get one wish! And make it a good one." The simpler one of the two yells out, "Give us all the beer we can drink for the rest of our lives!" The genie says, "So be it!" **POOF!** and he turns the entire Pacific Ocean into beer and returns to his lamp. The other guy slaps his simple buddy up-side the head and says, "Way to go you FOOL!!! Now we gotta pee in the boat!!!!!!!"

10 COMMON FISHING TERMS EXPLAINED

Catch and Release - A conservation motion that happens most often right before the local Fish and Game officer pulls over a boat that has caught over it's limit.

Hook - (1) A curved piece of metal used to catch fish. (2) A clever advertisement to entice a fisherman to spend his live savings on a new rod and reel. (3) The punch administered by said fisherman's wife after he spends their life savings (see also, Right Hook, Left Hook).

Line - Something you give your co-workers when they ask on Monday how your fishing went the past weekend.

Lure - An object that is semi-enticing to fish, but will drive an angler into such a frenzy that he will charge his credit card to the limit before exiting the tackle shop.

Reel - A weighted object that causes a rod to sink quickly when dropped overboard.

Rod - An attractively painted length of fiberglass that keeps an angler from ever getting too close to a fish.

School - A grouping in which fish are taught to avoid your \$29.99 lures and hold out for spam instead.

Tackle - What your last catch did to you as you reeled him in, but just before he wrestled free and jumped back overboard.

Tackle Box - A box shaped alarmingly like your comprehensive first aid kit. Only a tackle box contains many sharp objects, so that when you reach in the wrong box blindly to get a Band Aid, you soon find that you need more than one.

Test - (1) The amount of strength a fishing line affords an angler when fighting fish in a specific weight range. (2) A measure of your creativity in blaming "that darn line" for once again losing the fish.

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Tips:

5 most reliable and overlooked fishing structures!!!

No matter what body of water you are fishing, there are certain locations that just hold more bass. Those so called locations are called "structure". Listed below are areas that are often overlooked by bass anglers. Most of these areas require a little on the water research and map study. If you are willing to put in a little time, these areas will consistently put quality fish in your boat.

Feeder Creeks

A feeder creek is an area where a creek flows into a larger body of water. These areas should be fished thoroughly for bass. Usually there will be a slight drop-off at the mouth of the feeder creek, where water from it has dug a hole in the larger body of water. Sometimes this drop-off may only be a few inches, but it still offers an excellent place for bass to hold and wait to ambush prey as it is washed down from the feeder creek.

Also watch these areas for eddies, bass love these area because they are often loaded with bait fish and crawdads. Fishing in the mouths of feeder creeks is especially good during and just after a rainstorm. The water flowing down will kick up all sorts of bait that the bass will feed on.

Boat Docks

Few structures draw more attention from bass anglers than boat docks and there is a good reason, there are plenty of big bass pulled from them every year.

Almost any boat dock will occasionally give up a couple of bass. There are some that will consistently hold a number of quality fish. Fish docks that extend the farthest into deep water, or have a creek channel close by. Pay close attention to the docks that have boat

lifts installed in them. The area under the motor sometimes will be deeper than usual. The force from the motor will dish out an area in the bottom. These are excellent holding structure for bass.

Anytime you are fishing a dock, pay careful attention to the shoreline. Look for subtle changes in the contour of the bank. Such changes can tell you of small holding areas that run under the water. Also look for those floating rafts, used for swimming. This is usually a good indication of deep water close by.

Flooded Roadbeds

Most man-made impoundment's throughout the united states hold flooded roadways along the bottom. These old roads now serves as "highways" leading to bass heaven. Roadbeds usually are easy to locate by using lake charts and old topographical maps of land prior to reservoir flooding.

Although at times bass can be found feeding on top of a roadbed, the best locations for fishing are in the ditches adjacent to flooded roads. Also, anywhere a road crosses an old creek or river, there is likely to be old culverts and bridges harboring bass.

Almost any turn or wiggle in a roadbed can be a hot spot for bass. A tight "S" turn in a flooded road can be especially good because it forms a series of holes and jumps or "saddles" that bait fish and bass find irresistible.

Bottom digging lures are best for fishing roadbeds because they probe deep, which is where the bass are found. They also allow an angler to feel subtle changes in the rises and holes that hold bass.

Mid lake Humps

An underwater island or "hump" is another outstanding bass-holding structure. Many of the best humps have brush and fallen timber on top. This type of cover offers shelter for bait fish which draws the bass to the hump. An "ideal" hump is far from the shoreline, surrounded by deep water

that has several "stair stepped" ledges that taper off to deep water. A large hump that is located near a major flooded creek or channel is a bass fishing heaven. Most of these places were islands in a river or stream before the reservoir was created.

The best humps normally are ones that few other anglers know about. Submerged islands far from shore or not shown on maps offer the biggest schools of un-pressured bass.

It is usually worthwhile to scout the area surrounding a known hump with your electronics. Just 30 minutes of scouting can produce many hours of fishing excellence.

Brush piles

Most bass anglers get excited about fishing brush piles. Why? To put it in simple terms, bass love brush, brush hold bass, and we love to catch bass. Brush provides excellent structure for bass. But there are a few things that make some brush piles better than others.

On water where you have few brushy areas, almost any submerged bush can hold bass. But on lakes where this is common, it pays to know which ones are likely to yield a number of quality fish.

Most of the time brush piles with the thickest limbs and twigs are the best. The more limbs and leaves underwater the more places for bait fish to hide, which in turn provides good ambush places for bass.

The closer the brush is to deep water (8 feet or more) the better. Brush piles that are completely submerged and out of sight from the surface are the ones most likely to have the least fishing pressure from other anglers. The best ways to find these submerged brush piles is to look at a lake during low water level times. Take a map along with you and mark these places. Soft plastics weedless jigs and spinnerbaits are popular brush pile lures but don't forget about crankbaits. Plugs with large lips are very weedless and loosen tight lipped bass when other lures have failed.