

RESULTS & NEWS – JUNE 2009

Truman Lake – June 27-28, 2009

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Location: Osage Bluff Marina

Time: Sat: 5:30 AM – 11:30 AM Sun: 5:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Lake Conditions: Stained to Muddy

Lake Level: 715 (Normal 706)

Water Temp: 87-89

Air Temp: Saturday 97 / Sunday 80

Weather: Saturday sunny and blistering hot / Sunday sunny and much cooler

Winds: Saturday SSE 5-10mph / Sunday N 10-15mph

9 boats turned out at Truman Lake. A total of 25 fish were brought to the scales.

Tournament Results



GREG AND ANDY SHANDS TAKE THE WIN AGAIN WITH 6 FISH WEIGHING 12.13 LBS.

This is their 4th 1st place win this year. Geez guys – I guess you’re buying lunch for all of us at the next tournament!! (only kidding) What a great achievement!! You both have been consistent in bringing in those fish!! Awesome job to the both of you!! They reported catching their fish on Black Back Chartreuse Crankbaits. (Since this was the lure of choice in your winnings of last tournament, I’m guessing you’ve stocked up on these!!) They took home \$115.00 for first place. Great job guys again!!



Second place was Andy Reynolds and Jim Gross. They had a total of 3 fish weighing 11.55 lbs. They reported catching their fish on Watermelon Candy Senkos and DD22’s. In addition to Andy’s big bass of the weekend, a nice 5.09 lber, he had another 4.11 lb. nice one on Sunday. They took home \$82.00.



Third place was another dad/son team, Dan and Michael Durbin. They had a total of 4 fish weighing 9.46 lbs. They reported catching their fish on Brush Hogs. This was Michael's first HH tournament and he starts off well with weighing a fish in!! Awesome job!! They took home \$56.00.

Fourth place was Ken Jones and Bob Treadway. They had a total of 3 fish weighing 9.15 lbs. They reported catching their fish on Wooley Hogs and Spinnerbaits. They took home \$50.00.



BIG BASS for Saturday goes to Andy Reynolds with his 5.09 lb. nice fish. He collected a check for \$34.00 in addition to the big bass side pot of \$40.00. Great job Andy!!



BIG BASS for Sunday goes to new member Stephen Cox with his 4.15 lb. nice fish. He caught this fish on a Bullseye Custom Senko. When asked what color, he answered green and pink!! (Senko's are one of my favorites but I don't have one that pretty – lol) He collected a check for \$34.00. Great job Stephen!!

Honorable mentions: Quite a few nice fish were weighed in this weekend.
 Saturday: Terry Stanek 3.48 lbs. – Dan Durbin 3.29 lbs. – Bob Treadway 4.66 lbs.
 Sunday: Andy Reynolds 4.11 lbs. (Stephen was a bit nervous over this one!!)
 Good job Terry, Dan, Bob and Andy!!

This year we decided that anyone with a 4+ lb. bass (that did not receive big bass) would receive a special bass pin for their accomplishments. Bob Treadway and Andy Reynolds received one this tournament. Good job Bob and Andy!! (Andy says "Two pins are better than one"!!)

CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners!!

(See complete tournament results below.)

Giveaways

This tournament we gave away some certificates for our next tournament at Wappapello. The first certificate was for Sundowner Marina – a one night free boat slip. The lucky winner was Richard Beckham. We also had a one night free stay to Miller's Motor Lodge. The lucky winner for this was Mike Jankowski. Thank you to Sundowner Marina and Miller's Motor Lodge for your support!! Congrats to Richard and Mike!!

A free tournament coupon was won by Andy Shands. What a year for you Andy!! Congrats to Andy!!

Special Thanks To:

A big thank you goes out to Osage Bluff Marina for letting us have our weigh in there. A special thanks also goes out to our Tournament Directors Greg and Andy Shands and Terry Stanek and Lori Luzynski.

Who's New ?

Welcome new and past returning member Stephen Cox, Michael Durbin, Chris Parker, Andy Reynolds and Brian Waller. Glad to have you aboard!!

Club Business

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.

Also, just a reminder this year, we have 10 scheduled tournaments in an effort to give members a bigger selection of lakes and dates. Only 9 tournaments will count towards AOY. If someone has fished all 10 tournaments, remember that your tournament with the lowest points will not be counted in the final tally. So the AOY running could continually change all the way thru the end of the year!!

Here are your Top 10 at this point:

1. Andy Shands
2. Terry Stanek
3. Greg Shands
4. Jeff Schwent
5. Brian Jankowski
6. Bob Treadway
7. Pam Wakim
8. Jason Sportsman
9. Warren Lichius
10. Mike Jankowski

Good luck to everyone!!

Some Memorable Moments.....



Pam Wakim..... When you love to fish, how can you pick one memorable moment? I grew up fishing on my grandparent's farm. I've been fishing all my life. I'm OLD so there are LOTS of memorable moments but I do have some favorites. When I started to read Jeff Schwent's memorable moments, I thought I was reading one of my own, except I was a good kid Jeff! I wasn't using my dad's rod and reel! We were on a family vacation at Pomme de Terre. As kids, we mostly fished from the bank which is what I was doing. I had a night crawler for bait. The fishing was pretty slow but when I happened to peer into

the water and over a ledge, I saw a big fish just sitting there. I proceeded to slowly bob that night crawler up and down in front of his face, never thinking a big, smart fish like him would fall for that old trick but he did. When I finally managed to drag him to the bank, my dad ran down to help me with my first 2 ½ - 3 pound bass.

I also fished a lot on the 12 acre lake my parents had just south of Bourbon. I watched a lot of family members catch 7 to 8 pound wall mounts, even my 7 year old nephew! My younger brother caught one almost 10 pounds and my older brother caught one a little over 11 pounds. I fished there year after year without a mount and every year I said it was going to be my turn. A lot of years went by before I finally got my memorable moment. Early one morning I was out fishing with a jitterbug when wham! I had a 7 pounder. I was by myself without a net so I had to lip him into the boat. I glanced at the stringer and knew there was no way I was going to trust that thing with this fish! With hands shaking and heart pounding, I grabbed the little trolling motor and held on to that fish all the way back to the bank. After screaming and sticking the fish in front of everyone's sleepy eyes, I took a few pictures and released the fish. I went back out that evening about an hour before sunset like I always did and using the same jitterbug - wham! I had another 7 pounder! This one was a lot prettier than the first and he now resides on my wall. It was worth the long wait to catch two 7 pounders in one day.

Now, as far as tournament fishing goes ... at Truman a few years back, right after take off on Sunday, a storm raged in and didn't stop until about an hour before weigh in. Due to all the lightening, my partner and I decided to sit out most of the tournament in a boat slip. At weigh in, I watched Mick and Jeff Schwent come to the scales with a couple nice heavy bags. They spanked everyone! I asked them if they had caught their fish before or after the storm and they replied during! When I asked how they could stay out and fish in all that lightening, Mick replied, "You just have to remember to keep your rod tip down." Since that day I refer to those heavy bags as "Schwent bags" and talked about how I would like to just once bring in a couple of those Schwent bags. Well, I finally got that memorable moment last year when Dan Durbin and I fished Table Rock and took first place. That was the kind of tournament you don't get to experience very often, if ever. Most of the fish we brought in were small mouths and was it ever fun! The 33.72 pounds put us in second place on the all time top heaviest stringers and I took big bass for the weekend with a 5.07 pound smallie. I'm so used to releasing fish at tournaments that I didn't realize until later that I had released a trophy small mouth. One of these days I am going to have a mount made of that fish.

And last but not least, I will always remember the tournaments I fished with my dad. He taught me how to fish and he was my best partner. We always had a lot of fun enjoying the lake, catching fish and laughing ... a LOT! I miss having him in my boat.

Thanks Pam 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!!

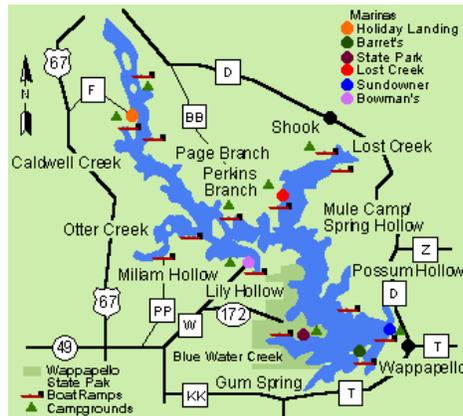
Next Tournament

Our next tournament will be at Sundowner Marina – Wappapello Lake

Marina: www.sundownermarine.com / Phone: 573-222-8622

Sat. July 18th: 6:00 AM – 12:00 PM and Sun. July 19th: 6:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Directions:



This is our Local Map. We are located exactly 1/2 mile North of the Lake Wapapello Dam located on T highway. Traveling north, T Highway actually turns into D Highway after our dam which may be confusing...but we are just 1/2 Mile North on the left side of the road.

Tournament Directors: 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.

Wappapello Lake History

2008 (July)

1st Place – Tom O'Connor/Warren Lichius, 13 fish, 12.12 lbs., 6" Black Worms

2nd Place – Greg Shands/Andy Shands, 13 fish, 9.73 lbs., Brush Hogs

3rd Place – Mike Jankowski/Dave Jankowski 8 fish, 8.50 lbs., Rod and reel and some sort of artificial bait

Big Bass – Pam Wakim, 2.74 lbs., Green Pumpkin Wooly Bug

2007 (July)

1st Place – Greg Shands/Andy Shands, 17 fish, 20.43 lbs., Brush Hogs and Crankbaits

2nd Place – Del Williams/Joe Voss, 16 fish, 14.67 lbs., Brush Hogs and Worms

3rd Place – Bryan Walker/Russ Grobe, 17 fish, 14.08 lbs., Rapalas and Crankbaits

Big Bass – Jeff Tschannen, 3.71 lbs., Secret plastic bait to invite the fish to bite

2006 (Sept.)

1st Place – Bryan Walker/Jim Fanter, 20 fish, 15.45 lbs., Crankbaits and Tubes

2nd Place – Russ Grobe/Ashley Booth, 17 fish, 12.58 lbs., Rapalas

3rd Place – Phillip Meyer/Kathy McTearmen, 8 fish, 10.45 lbs., Spinnerbaits and Crankbaits

Big Bass – Scott Hasty, 3.28 lbs., Crankbait

From the Secretary's Boat

LL's Fishing Report

Written by Lori Luzynski

Every week we check out the fishing reports, we watch the weather, we watch lake levels, etc. but what do we really learn from that? The report says they caught 20+ lbs. of fish – gee – fishing must be great! Well, we all know that can change in just 24 hours - from Friday pre-fishing to Saturday's tournament. And we can all vouch for the trips taken to the nearest tackle shop to pick up one or two more of those lures they were catching the fish on. Everyone that reads these reports, searches for the same answers: Are the fish biting? What are they biting on?

Think about your year(s) of fishing. Did you throw your favorite lure (that confident lure)? Did you throw what the report said they were catching them on? Did you throw the lure your buddy told you to throw? Or did you analyze the situation, take into consideration what happened prior to your trip and then decide from there?

Here's my story. I began with one lure that was easy – the crankbait. The problem with that crankbait was it was hard to catch a fish while hanging from a tree. Not to add that my partner got quite aggravated getting me unsnagged so I decided it was time to move on to another lure. Yes, my favorite lure, yes, the Pop-R. I learned to twitch and pop it and before you knew it, I had 2 lures I could throw. Then came the Brush Hog. Yes Andy, now my favorite lure also. I too, keep Zoom in business!! I wasn't real good with it but kept on throwing it. In the meantime, I started watching and listening to others. Today my tackle has expanded to much more than just 1 or 2 lures. Then friends shared information about better rods and reels. Nope. They don't come cheap but boy was there a difference. I can now (most times) tell the difference between a rock and a fish (except at Clearwater)! And guess what? Now I have new items to add to my wish list!!

So, what I'm trying to share is don't just read those fishing reports. Create your own fishing report. Learn from others and what they have done, learn what the lakes are doing, learn what the weather is doing to the fish. Heck, learn from your own partner!! I know I did. Terry taught me the most important thing: Never ask me **what** I caught the fish on, ask me **why**. Acknowledge all of this and make your decisions from there. None of us are too old to learn. I certainly feel like I've learned a lot. I feel that my learning has helped me become a better angler and has given me the confidence to compete with other anglers. (At least I look like I do with more than just one rod on the deck now!! LOL)

I still read fishing reports but I try to create my own now!! Try to make a strategy plan for yourself!! Good luck to all of you and may the knowledge you receive help you catch lots more fish!!

Lori



HAWG HAWLERS WEIGH IN DATA SHEET

LAKE: **TRUMAN LAKE**

DATE: **27-Jun-09**

		SATURDAY			SUNDAY			TOURNAMENT TOTALS			
BOAT #	TEAM MEMBERS	# OF FISH	WEIGHT	BIG BASS	# OF FISH	WEIGHT	BIG BASS	# OF FISH	TOTAL FISH	TOTAL WEIGHT	PLACE
9	Greg Sgands	1	6.22		1	5.91		2	6	12.13	1
	Andy Shands	2			2			4			
6	Andy Reynolds	2	7.44	5.09	1	4.11	4.11	3	3	11.55	2
	Jim Gross	0			0			0			
5	Dan Durbin	2	7.43	3.29	1	2.03		3	4	9.46	3
	Michael Durbin	1			0			1			
7	Ken Jones	1	6.58		0	2.57		1	3	9.15	4
	Bob Treadway	1		4.66	1			2			
3	Pam Wakim	0	0.00		2	6.46		2	3	6.46	5
	Brian Waller	0			1			1			
4	Chris Parker	0	2.18		0	4.15		0	2	6.33	6
	Stephen Cox	1			1		4.15	2			
1	Terry Stanek	1	5.26	3.48	0	0.00		1	2	5.26	7
	Lori Luzynski	1			0			1			
8	Richard Beckham	1	3.57		0	0.00		1	2	3.57	8
	Jason Sportsman	1			0			1			
2	Mike Jankowski	0	0.00		0	0.00		0	0	0.00	9
	Dennis Goetges	0			0			0			

SAT BIG BASS **5.09**
 SUN BIG BASS **4.15**
 TOURNAMENT BIG BASS **5.09**