

HAWG HAWLERS BASS CLUB

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February 2017

What's New 2017

New Officer - This year we welcome Bob Shibe as Co-Vice President. Bob was the Angler of the Year last year and broke more records than Michael Phelps. A big thank you to Bob for stepping up and helping out the club. As a reminder, if anyone is interested in volunteering to be a club officer for 2018 please let us know. We would need to know before September, but the sooner the better!

Weigh in Photos - After weigh-in, we are limiting the number of fish you hold for photographs to two per person (one fish per hand). While it is nice to see a full limit of fish, it is more stressful on them as often fingers are shoved up their gills and the time they spend out of water is prolonged. We ask that you take your two best fish, get your photo snapped and quickly return your fish to the water.

Dead Fish - We all do the best we can to keep our fish alive and healthy, but sometimes despite our efforts, we are faced with a dead fish in our livewell. You are allowed to weigh in a dead fish, however, your team will be assessed a 1/4 lb penalty toward your total weight. Once you place a fish in your livewell, it is automatically included in your daily limit. You can only cull a fish if you are in a bona fide catch and release bass tournament from September to June and the fish is released unharmed. There is no culling in July or August and you can not cull a dead fish! This is state law.

We ask if you do have a dead fish, please take responsibility and ensure that the fish gets filleted and eaten. A largemouth bass is a revered game fish and you could possibly face a "wanton waste" fine for throwing dead fish back into the lake after you have placed it in your livewell. If you do eat bass, please bring a fillet knife and some zip-lock bags with you and let others know you will take their dead fish. It sheds a negative light on the club to see any number of nice bass floating around the dock. Let's all do a better job to make sure this doesn't happen in 2017.

New Membership Form - there have been several requests from members wanting contact information for other members. The membership form has been modified to include a check box to select if you would like to share your personal information (phone, address and email) with other members. If you do NOT want your information released, DO NOT check the box on the membership form. Note - we will NEVER share your contact information with outside companies or individuals. As a reminder, a new membership form is needed every year. Do not send in a tournament entry form without a membership form unless one has already been sent and is in file with the Treasurer. A new form is required even if you qualify for Free membership.

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A word about safety....

Most of us have heard the story about a recent FLW College Fishing tournament in which two members of University of Florida's bass fishing team were ejected from their boat at nearly 60 mph. If you haven't seen it, I recommend that you search the web for the video to get a lesson in how quickly things can go wrong in a moving bass boat. The incident was caused due to a steering part failure and was not due to negligent or careless driving. Thankfully, nobody was hurt and the team credited FLW for requiring all teams to wear life jackets and use kill switches. Had it not been for the kill switch, the engine and propeller would have continued to run, putting them in more danger.

The state of Missouri requires boaters to have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket on board and accessible for each occupant of the boat. Children under the age of seven are required to wear a life jacket whenever they are on a boat unless they are in the cabin area of a houseboat or cruiser.

Our club requires that you wear a lifejacket and have your kill switch attached at take-off. While not required afterwards, it is highly recommended that you always wear your lifejacket with your kill switch engaged when the big motor is running. As evidenced by the story above, anything can happen when you are on the water and it is best to exercise caution and live to fish another day.

Let's Get Ready

Our poor bass boats have been sitting idle for the last few months and it is finally time to start dusting them off and getting them ready for the season. Don't let an unexpected surprise ruin your first outing on the water. One thing I always do is make a checklist so I know I haven't forgotten anything. There's nothing worse than having a bearing go out while towing your boat down to the lake or having dead batteries when you show up at the ramp. Below is a list I use to get ready for the season:

De-Winterize	Boat Function Check	Items on Boat
Check/Replace Lower Unit Oil	Check NAV lights (Front & Back)	Horn / Whistle
Check/Re-pack trailer bearings	Check Horn	1 life jacket per person
Check trailer tire tread & pressure	Check Fire Extinguisher	Throwable device
Check spare tire tread & pressure	Trailer lights & connection	Oar / Paddle
Check & charge starting battery	Electronics (Sonar)	Fire Extinguisher
Check & charge trolling motor batteries	Livewell Aerators	Registration / Insurance
Check Bow & Transom straps for fraying	Bilge Pump	1st Aid Kit
Age of Impeller - Is it time to replace?	Oil Reservoir Filled	Extra Oil
Age of Spark Plugs - Is it time to replace?	Fuel Tank Filled	Tow Rope
Age of Fuel Filter - Is it time to replace?	Trolling motor works	Boat tool-kit
Check prop for chips or if bent	12V charging ports	Jumper cables
Inspect fuel lines & hoses	Battery Charger	Extra Clothes & Towel
Check steering / inspect cables	Check for evidence of mice	Anchor & Line
Clean out livewell	Check drain plug	Tournament Rules

Other Tips:

- If you are unsure about the quality of fuel in your boat (can't remember if you used a stabilizer or not) siphon the gas out and use this gas for your lawn mowers. Fill up your tank with fresh gas.

- After a few minutes of towing your boat for the first time, stop somewhere after a few miles to check the trailer bearings. Feel the tire first to see if it is hot. Move your hand slowly toward the center to feel the wheel for heat. DO NOT just immediately grab the wheel because it can severely burn your hand if a bearing has gone out.

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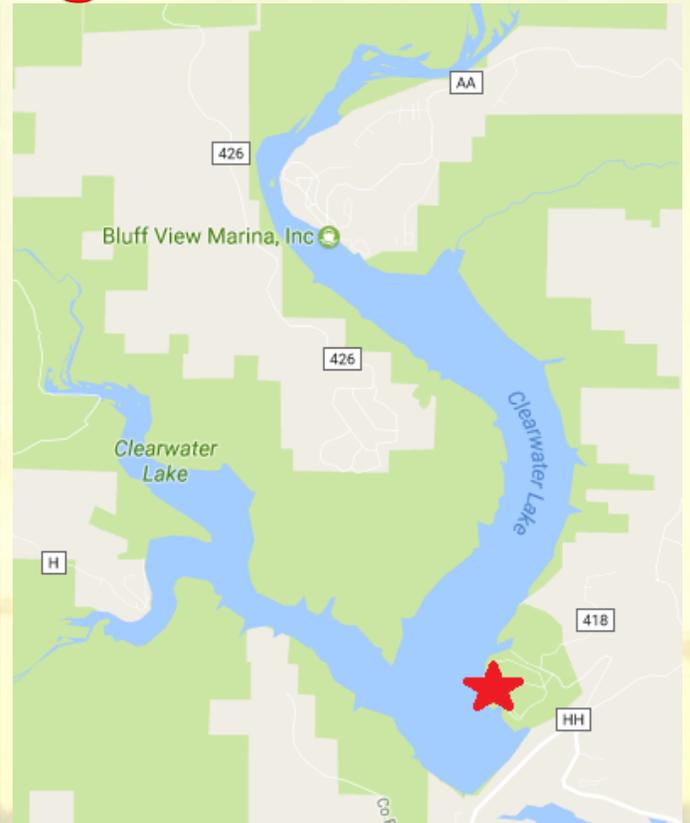
1st Tournament - Clearwater Lake

The first tournament of the year is on March 18th at Clearwater Lake and is sponsored by Ellis Battery. This is a one-day tournament that will take off from and end at Piedmont Park.

- Take off: 9:00 am & Weigh in: 3:00 pm.

Don't forget to get send your membership fees and forms and your tournament entry fees to Dan by the Wednesday prior to the tournament!

New Take Off & Weigh in Location!



Due to the number of boats we typically have at Clearwater and the lack of available boat slips at the Marina, we are moving the take off and weigh in location to Piedmont Park.

Directions

To Piedmont Park Recreation Area - Take Highway 55 South to Highway 67 South. Follow Hwy 67 to Highway 34 West. Follow Hwy 34 to the city of Piedmont. Continue Hwy 34 through the city of Piedmont until you reach the WalMart store. Make a right onto Highway HH and follow for approximately 7 miles to the Clearwater Lake Dam. Make a right at the T intersection on top of the dam onto County Road #418 and follow to the Piedmont Park Recreation Area. The park entrance will be on your left. There is a big parking lot and a boat ramp large enough to launch multiple boats.

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Clearwater Lake - Tournament Sponsor

3rd Annual Ellis Battery Tournament - Clearwater Lake

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Poplar Bluff, MO 63901
(573) 727-9860

45 Hudson St.
Camdenton, MO 65020
(573) 346-6963

1960 Boat St.
Ozark, MO 65721
(417) 485-3083

1477 N. Kingshighway
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Clearwater History

Clearwater 2016 Results

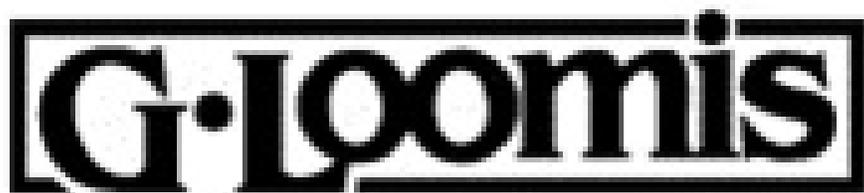
BOAT	NAME	CREEL	BIG BASS	Penalty	TOTAL	PLACE
		SAT	SAT		WEIGHT	
7A	BOB SHIBE	4	3.31		11.75	<u>1</u>
7B	KEN BOEGEMAN	2				
5A	DAVE SONA	4	3.40		8.85	<u>2</u>
5B	MATT GHARST	2				
3A	JEFF SCHWENT	2			7.37	<u>3</u>
3B	TEDDY REIM	3				
16A	KEN JONES	1	3.63		5.67	<u>4</u>
16B	JACOB JONES	1				
25A	KEVIN HELLDORFER	0			5.67	<u>4</u>
25B	EDDIE HINRICHS	2				
36A	SCOTT HASTY	2	3.98		5.67	<u>4</u>
36B	JASON KENNEDY	1				
20A	MICK SCHWENT	2	4.43		4.93	<u>7</u>
20B	JD KETCHERSIDE	0				
12A	JEFF CHILDERS	1	3.96		3.96	<u>8</u>
12B	SCOTT CHILDERS	0				
8A	CHRIS HIMSTEDT	0			3.90	<u>9</u>
8B	ANDI HIMSTEDT	1				

CLEARWATER LAST FIVE YEAR CLUB HISTORY

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
# BOATS	27	28	24	34	36
TOTAL FISH	59	76	78	25	52
1ST PLACE LBS	10.98	10.82	21.47	10.03	11.75
1ST PLACE BAIT	Brush Hog/Crankbait	X Rap/Twitch Stick	Red/Black Bomber	Chart/White Chatter Sexy Shad Crank	Black Crankbaits
BIG BASS LBS	5.79	7.91	6.73	5.00	4.43
BIG BASS BAIT	Spinner Bait	X Rap/Twitch Stick	White/Chartreuse spinner	White Chatterbait	brush hog
AIR TEMP	70's	55-61	Low 40 - Mid 70	Low 40's - 65	Low 40's - 56
WIND	Slight Breeze-Windy	8-10 mph	Slight Breeze	Slight Breeze	windy
SKIES	Cloudy	Cloudy/Overcast	Bluebird	Foggy / Cloudy	Partial sunshine &
LAKE LEVEL	?	498 ft.	494.8 (normal)	506 and falling	494 (normal)
WATER COND	Heavy Stain-Muddy	Clear in River/Stained- muddy in Lake	Very Clear - stained	Slightly Stained in River / Muddy in Lake	Clear up river / Stained up Webb Arm
WATER TEMP	Low 60's	47-54	47-54	48-52	50-58
LAKE RECORDS	BIG BASS: JOSH ZELNIS 7.96 MARCH 2009		HEAVY STRINGER: HASTY/KENNEDY 21.47 POUNDS MARCH 2014		

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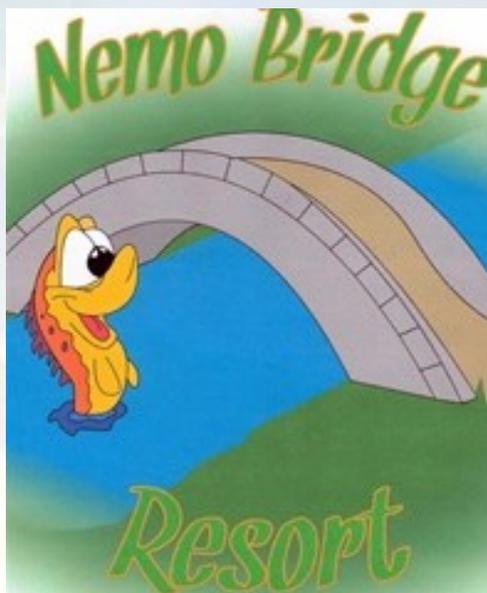


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Other News

The Hawg Hawlers will be at Bass Pro this Saturday & Sunday (Feb 18-19)! This weekend kicks off the Spring Fishing Classic at Bass Pro. Our club will have a booth set up so come on out and stop by to chat. We will be conducting a raffle to raise money and awareness for the club while promoting sponsors.

Tournament #	Lake	Day 1	Day 2	Lodging
1	Clearwater Lake	18-Mar	N/A	N/A
2	Lake of the Ozarks	8-Apr	9-Apr	Red Oak Resort
3	Kentucky Lake	22-Apr	23-Apr	Sportsman's Lodge
4	Table Rock	20-May	21-May	King's Cove
5	Pomme de Terre	3-Jun	4-Jun	Nemo Resort
6	Kentucky Lake	24-Jun	25-Jun	Sportsman's Lodge
7	Wappapello	22-Jul	23-Jul	Millers Motor Lodge
8	Pomme de Terre	26-Aug	27-Aug	Nemo Resort
9	Truman	16-Sep	17-Sep	Osage Bluff
10	Lake of the Ozarks	14-Oct	15-Oct	Rock Harbor Resort