

Hawg Hawlers Bass Club

Pre-Season News 2025



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Boat Checklist!

The 2025 Tourney Season is knocking on the door. Only a few weeks before our first tournament. Here are few things to check before you head out:

- 1. Batteries** - Nothing is worse than getting to the water, in the middle of nowhere, and have a dead battery. Simple steps can keep that from happening and general maintenance of the battery will eliminate most issues.
- 2. Trolling Motor** - Remove the prop now and again, and check for line on the shaft of the motor. A few feet of discarded line can ruin bearings and be a costly repair if not removed. We also lubricate and protect the foot, spring and head of the trolling motor after each trip. We use Cover-All Protectant for the non-moving parts, and WD-40 for those that move and are outside the unit.
- 3. Fire Extinguisher and Battery Charger** - A properly maintained fire extinguisher is a must in a boat. Most state laws require it but from a safety standpoint it gives the angler peace of mind. We also check the battery charger now and again as well. Check to make sure you are getting a good connection on each battery and also that its not boiling the batteries.
- 4. Steering cables** - Lubricate steering cables if possible. Some take grease while others hold hydraulic oil and should be serviced by your dealer.
- 5. Electronics** - Use a UV protectant on on your electronics several times per year. Do not spray directly on the unit but rather spray on a soft rag and gently wipe back, around screen and bracket. Check for software updates. YouTube has many "How-To" instructions for all makes/models.
- 6. Livewells and Sump** - Spring is a great time to wipe and vacuum out livewells and the sump area of the boat. Get all loose particles from screens and from under bilge pumps and livewell pumps. Rinse sump area with a light soap and flush. Never use soap in the live well for obvious reasons.
- 7. Outboard** - Service work is best performed in the fall to assure the outboard is properly protected for storage. Many dealers will winterize boats with a fogging oil. Its always good to start with a "fresh" tank of gas each year but using Stabil or Sea Foam in old gas will make sure moisture is eliminated. Its good to let your motor warm up on the first trip to make sure cylinders are properly lubricated and your engine is ready to put the hammer down.
- 8. Lights and Supplies** - Plug in and test both the bow and stern lights on the boat. Its always good to carry a spare bulb for each in the boat.

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Membership

Every member needs to complete a membership form each year. We have worked hard to get online membership and tournament entry for the club and encourage everyone to utilize it if possible. You will be directed to a Paypal page (You don't need a Paypal account – just check-out as a guest and you can use your debit or credit card just like when you order all your fishing gear on Amazon.)

Online Membership link: <https://hawghawl.wufoo.com/forms/wv1v1wy0a6d6oi/>

Online Tournament entry: https://hawghawlers.com/entry_form.html

Tournament Entries need to be received by the Tuesday before tourney, by 5pm or a late fee will be assessed.

Rules / Reminders

If this is your first Hawg Hawlers tournament or you haven't fished with us in a while, please make sure you familiarize yourself with the rules. Here are a few key points to remember:

- Arrive Early (minimum of 30 minutes prior to takeoff) to allow for plenty of time to conduct livewell checks.
- Know your takeoff number. This helps speed the process up for the Tournament Directors in issuing your number.
- Be present and LISTEN at the meeting prior to takeoff for information and possible changes.
- Each angler must catch their own fish. You are not allowed to "team fish" and put fish in your partner's livewell even though you are fishing on the same team.
- Each angler's fish need to be in separate weigh-in bags when presented at the scales. No cull-tags, stringer clips or floats should be attached.
- Turn your number in BEFORE the tournament end time at the designated area. THERE IS NO LATE PENALTY for turning in your number early. If you are one second late turning in your number you will be disqualified!
Don't worry about your fish until after the weigh-in tables are setup and the officers announce the scales are open.
- Have fun and try to introduce yourself if you are a new member. This club is full of good people who will help you out if you just take the time to ask. Don't be shy!

Hope to see everyone at the lake and have a great tournament!

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2025 Tournament Schedule

Date	Start	End	Lake/ Take Off Location	Tournament Directors
Saturday, March 15, 2025	8:30 AM	4:30 PM	Table Rock Lake	
Sunday, March 16, 2025	7:30 AM	1:30 PM	Kings Harbor Resort (417)858-6171	
Saturday, April 5, 2025	8:30 AM	4:30 PM	Lake of the Ozarks	
Sunday, April 6, 2025	7:00 AM	2:00 PM	Rock Harbor (573)374-5586	
Saturday, April 26, 2025	6:30 AM	2:30 PM	Pomme De Terre	
Sunday, April 27, 2025	6:30 AM	1:30 PM	Nemo Bridge Resort (417)852-4201	
Wednesday, May 17, 2023	6:00 AM	2:00 PM	Table Rock Lake	
Sunday, May 18, 2025	6:00 AM	1:30 AM	Kings Harbor Resort (417)858-6171	
Saturday, June 7, 2025	6:00 AM	2:00 PM	Mark Twain (Spaulding Ramp)	
Sunday, June 8, 2025	6:00 AM	12:00 PM	Country Inn Resort (573)267-3800	
Saturday, June 28, 2025	6:00 AM	2:00 PM	Taneycomo	
Sunday, June 29, 2025	6:00 AM	12:00 PM	Empire Park Ramp	
Saturday, August 16, 2025	6:30 AM	2:30 PM	Pomme De Terre	
Sunday, August 17, 2025	6:30 AM	12:30 PM	Nemo Bridge Resort (417)852-4201	
Saturday, September 13, 2025	7:00 AM	3:00 PM	Bull Shoals Lake	
Sunday, September 14, 2025	7:00 AM	1:00 PM	Theodosia (417)273-4444	
Saturday, October 11, 2025	7:00 AM	3:00 AM	Pomme De Terre	
Sunday, October 12, 2025	7:00 AM	2:00 PM	Nemo Bridge Resort (417)852-4201	
Saturday, October 25, 2025	7:30 AM	3:30 PM	Lake of the Ozarks	
Sunday, October 26, 2025	7:30 AM	2:30 PM	Red Oak Resort (573)873-9400	

Tournament Directors Needed!

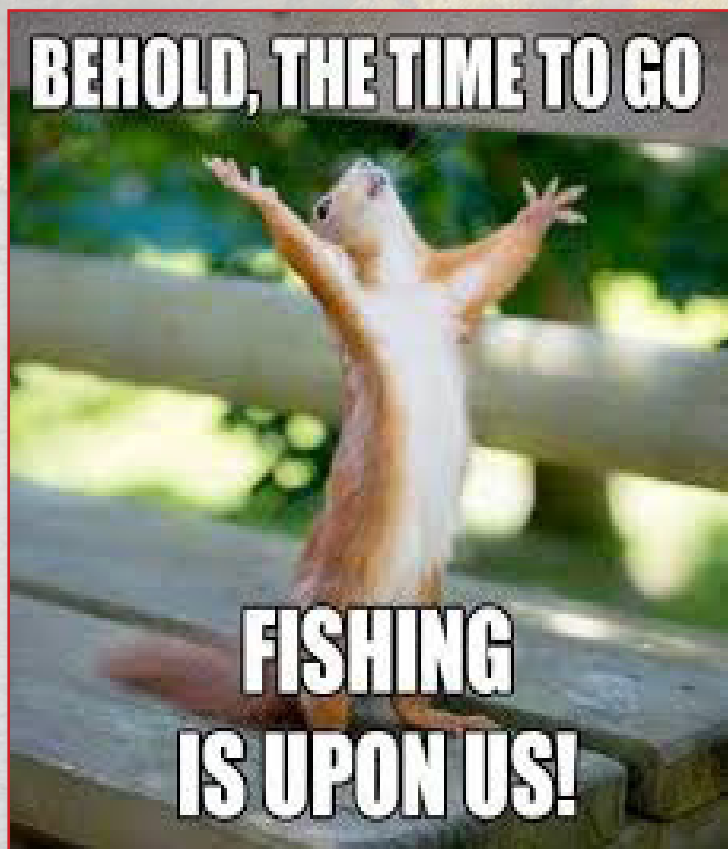
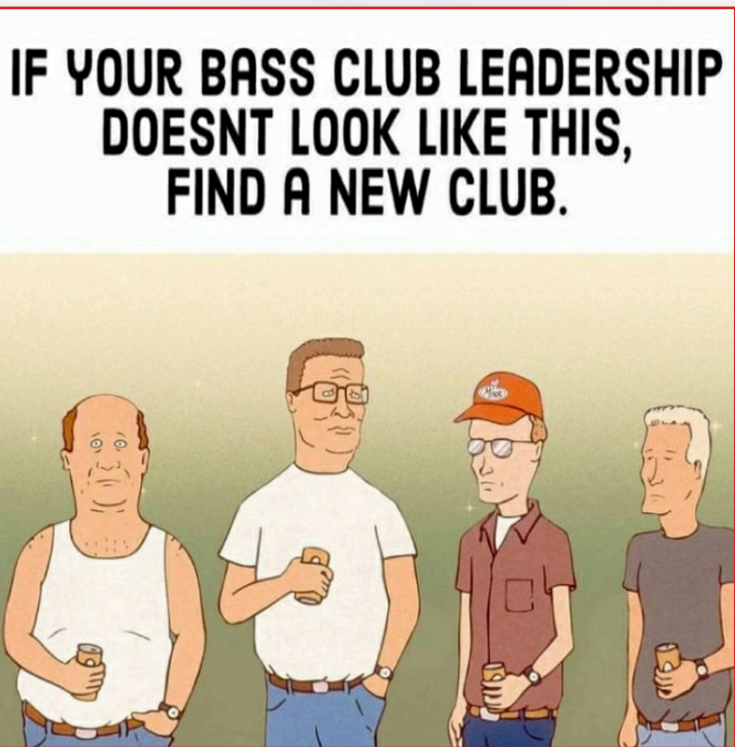
Don't be shy. Step up and volunteer to be a tournament director. You will get 3 points toward your AOY standing (first time) and it helps the club immensely.

AND, IT'S A GREAT WAY TO MEET YOUR CLUB MEMBERS!

It's easy to do and all you need to do is check livewells and hand out boat #s before take off. To be a tournament director, notify an officer of which tournament(s) work best for you. We, as a club, appreciate the help!

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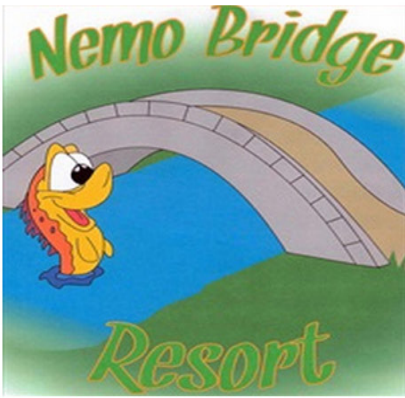
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