

# Oakland County Bass Anglers

## *The Lunker!*

April 2007

### Next Meeting Date

*Tuesday April 10, 2007*

7:00 pm @ Bass Pro Shops

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## Treasurer's Report

The treasury had \$1,118 at the beginning of the March meeting which is projected to result in about \$327 left over at years end. The new members that joined and any other monies collected will only improve this situation.

## Club News

With the joining of 2 new members at the March meeting the 2007 club membership is currently at 31 (19 boat owners and 12 non-boat owners). It was voted that we expand the club member limit to 33 for this year making room for one still unpaid member and 1 other new member who will decide by this April meeting if he wants to join. This will give us a full roster for this year.

## Tournament Information

The current list of tournament lakes and dates for 2007 is noted below:

May 6	Lake St. Clair C&R
May 20	Kent Lake C&R
June 10	Portage Lake Chain
June 24	Lake St. Clair #1
July 15	Orchard Lake
July 22	Lake St. Clair TEAM
July 28-29	Lobdell Lake NITE
Aug 19	Lake St. Clair #2
Aug 26	Cass Lake
Sept 16	MBI @ Cass Lake
Sept 22/23	Classic Tourn.- TBD

With fishing season closing in we will start discussing more details at the meetings including setting up pairings for the tournaments. Be there if you don't want to miss it.

## New Business

If you are still interested in getting a shirt printed with the Club's logo on the back and your name on the front there is still time. **Get your white shirt to Darryl by the April meeting** so he can get them embroidered before we start fishing in May. The more shirts we get printed, the cheaper it will be. Contact Darryl for more details.

There were several people that signed up at the event and the club will have to make sure to follow up with these. It was discussed at the March meeting to possibly pass on their names to other local clubs or give the club names to the interested anglers.

## OCBA Bass Talk Forum

Don't forget Chip's general fishing forum at "[www.carolinachipbasstalk.com](http://www.carolinachipbasstalk.com)". The link on our OCBA homepage to our own forum doesn't seem to be working at the current time. We'll have Chip look into it or may it just wasn't receiving enough use and was dropped?

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## Fish Disease Issue

In the last newsletter I gave a brief description of the latest hot issue. The federal people have still not responded to Michigan's request for a tournament exemption as mentioned in that article (see full article below). For now it looks like all tournaments planning to release live fish will be restricted to Michigan waters only. This is the case for the FLW Walleye tournament on the Detroit River this week (the 11<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>).

VHS Article: A big topic of concern right now is the impact the latest fish disease issue could have on Catch-&-Release tournament activities this year. A new, potentially very dangerous fish disease called VHS for short (you don't really want to know the whole name) has appeared in Lake Erie, Lake St. Clair and Lake Huron. In an effort to try and control its spread, the federal government has imposed laws making it illegal to transport live fish across state and Canadian boundaries in the Great Lakes area. The State has filed a request for an exemption for tournaments where the fish are kept within the same water body they came from (like the US-Canadian border on Lake St. Clair, the St. Clair River and the Detroit River). We are still waiting to hear back on this. If it doesn't go through we will be restricted to holding Michigan-waters only tournaments this year. Keep your fingers crossed.

If you want to see and read more about this disease and current updates you can go to the fishing section of the DNR website ([www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)). I'll also try and bring some reports to the meeting if I make it back from Grayling in time on Tuesday.

## MEMBER FISHING GEAR FOR SALE OR WANTED

### For Sale:

7.5 hp Johnson Outboard w/gas tank, short shaft, early 1980's, excellent condition. \$600 or best offer.

Contact: Jeff Braunscheidel (734) 994-6196 or "clueless1013@sbcglobal.net"

In a note received from a former OCBA member:

Cap'n Mike Walski is my father-in-law's fishing buddy who is a die-hard Lake St. Clair angler. In preparing for this season, he decided to sell one of his fishing boats. This boat has been used for everything from Perch to Walleye to Muskie.....even the occasional sheephead.

The boat is a nice 18' MirroCraft center console multi-species setup for a very affordable price. It's powered by a 100-horse Evinrude and 6 hp kicker.

Let Cap'n Mike know if you are interested, his email address is [michaelwalski152@msn.com](mailto:michaelwalski152@msn.com)

See you on the water, Rob.

## **OCBA 2007 Schedule of Events**

Date	Time	Event	Place
2/13/2007	7 PM	Club Meeting	Bass Pro Shops
3/13/2007	7 PM	Club Meeting	Bass Pro Shops
4/10/2007	7 PM	Club Meeting	Bass Pro Shops
<b>5/06/2007</b>		<b>C &amp; R Tournament</b>	<b>Lake St. Clair</b>
5/08/2007	7 PM	Club Meeting	Bass Pro Shops
<b>5/20/2007</b>		<b>C &amp; R Tournament</b>	<b>Kent Lake</b>
<b>6/10/2007</b>		<b>Points Tournament #1</b>	<b>Portage Lake Chain</b>
6/12/2007		Club Meeting	Bass Pro Shops
<b>6/24/2007</b>		<b>Points Tournament #2</b>	<b>Lake St. Clair #1 - Clinton Cutoff</b>
7/10/2007	7 PM	Club Meeting	Bass Pro Shops
<b>7/15/2007</b>		<b>Points Tournament #3</b>	<b>Orchard Lake</b>
<b>7/22/2007</b>		<b>Team Tournament</b>	<b>Lake St. Clair - Harley Ensign</b>
<b>7/28-29/2007</b>		<b>Points Tournament #4</b>	<b>Lobdell Lake (night)</b>
8/04/2007		Club Picnic	
8/14/2007	7 PM	Club Meeting	Bass Pro Shops
<b>8/19/2007</b>		<b>Points Tournament #5</b>	<b>Lake St. Clair #2 - Algonac</b>
<b>8/26/2007</b>		<b>Points Tournament #6</b>	<b>Cass Lake</b>
9/11/2007	7 PM	Club Meeting	Bass Pro Shops
<b>9/16/2007</b>		<b>MBI</b>	<b>Cass Lake</b>
<b>9/22-23/2007</b>		<b>Classic Tournament</b>	<b>TBD</b>
10/09/2007	7 PM	Club Meeting	Bass Pro Shops
10/20/2007 *	6 PM	Club Banquet	???
11/13/2007	7 PM	Club Meeting	Bass Pro Shops
12/11/2007	7 PM	Club Meeting	Bass Pro Shops

*Blue/bold* = fishing event

\* = tentative date

Let me know if you have any corrections, additions, changes, etc. for anything in this newsletter.

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Bass Pro Shops Outdoors World	4500 Baldwin Rd Auburn Hills, MI 48326	<a href="http://basspro.com">http://basspro.com</a> Phone: 248-209-4200
Carolina Chip's Lure Company		<a href="http://www.carolinachip.com/Carolina_Chips.htm">http://www.carolinachip.com/Carolina_Chips.htm</a> (586)713-4703, Fax. (248)364-5601



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Bass Haven Canada	<a href="http://www.basshavencanada.com">www.basshavencanada.com</a>
Bass Man Movie	<a href="http://www.bassmanmovie.com">www.bassmanmovie.com</a>
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Bass Pro Shops	<a href="http://www.basspro-shops.com">www.basspro-shops.com</a>
Bass Resource	<a href="http://www.bassresource.com/html/contents.html">www.bassresource.com/html/contents.html</a>
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Fishing Clubs	<a href="http://www.fishingclubs.org">www.fishingclubs.org</a>
FLW Tour	<a href="http://www.flwoutdoors.com">www.flwoutdoors.com</a>
Gander Mountain	<a href="http://www.gandermountain.com">www.gandermountain.com</a>
Glastron Boats	<a href="http://www.classicglastron.com/gl-the-years-web.html">www.classicglastron.com/gl-the-years-web.html</a>
Lake St. Clair	<a href="http://www.lakestclair.net">www.lakestclair.net</a>
Michigan Bass Chapter Federation	<a href="http://www.michiganbass.org">www.michiganbass.org</a>
Michigan DNR	<a href="http://www.michigan.gov/dnr">www.michigan.gov/dnr</a>
National Boat Mart	<a href="http://www.nationalboatmart.com/Pre-Owned1.htm">www.nationalboatmart.com/Pre-Owned1.htm</a>
Oakland County Bass Anglers	<a href="http://www.geocities.com/Colosseum/Track/4845/index.htm">www.geocities.com/Colosseum/Track/4845/index.htm</a>
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Wayne Carpenter's Combat Fishing	<a href="http://hometown.aol.com/fishinfosv/myhomepage/index.html">hometown.aol.com/fishinfosv/myhomepage/index.html</a>
Weather	<a href="http://www.weather.com">www.weather.com</a>

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