

Oakland County Bass Anglers

The Lunker!

March 2007

Next Meeting Date

Tuesday March 13, 2007

7:00 pm @ Bass Pro Shops

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Tournament Director

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Treasurer's Report

At the February meeting there was no treasury report due to the officer switchover. Hope this doesn't mean Dave D. is cooking something up with Pat to help cover their boat gas expenses this summer????

Club News

The 2007 club roster of paid members is currently at 28 (16 boat owners and 12 non-boat owners). **If you still plan on returning as a member for this year and you haven't paid your dues yet you could be out of luck if you don't act fast!!!** There are people on the waiting list that want to get in and at some point we will fill the last couple of remaining spots from this list.

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. John will cover some of these at this next meeting as his emails have been describing. Be there if you don't want to miss it.

New Business

The Bass Pro Shop Spring Fishing Classic was held these past 2 weekends. **The club officers want to pass along a big thanks to all those members and other helpers that helped run the casting contests and man the club booth.** Brian Belevender is probably about due for a nervous breakdown after keeping all this coordinated. Be sure to let him know how much we all appreciate his efforts also.

There were several people that signed up at the event and the club will have to make sure to follow up with these. Especially if any open slots are still available.

OCBA Bass Talk Forum

Don't forget the "OCBA Bass Talk Forum" that Chip put together for us to discuss all sorts of fishing related stuff. Enter it using the icon in the upper left corner of our club's home page. Also try the Bass Fishing Talk on Chip's own web site at www.carolinachipbasstalk.com.

Fish Disease Issue

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). 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"

Wanted:

Don't forget this section of the Lunker.
(1 per member max at any one time)

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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
5/06/2007		C & R Tournament	Lake St. Clair
5/08/2007	7 PM	Club Meeting	Bass Pro Shops
5/20/2007		C & R Tournament	Kent Lake
6/10/2007		Points Tournament #1	Portage Lake Chain
6/12/2007		Club Meeting	Bass Pro Shops
6/24/2007		Points Tournament #2	Lake St. Clair #1 - Clinton Cutoff
7/10/2007	7 PM	Club Meeting	Bass Pro Shops
7/15/2007		Points Tournament #3	Orchard Lake
7/22/2007		Team Tournament	Lake St. Clair - Harley Ensign
7/28-29/2007		Points Tournament #4	Lobdell Lake (night)
8/04/2007		Club Picnic	
8/14/2007	7 PM	Club Meeting	Bass Pro Shops
8/19/2007		Points Tournament #5	Lake St. Clair #2 - Algonac
8/26/2007		Points Tournament #6	Cass Lake
9/11/2007	7 PM	Club Meeting	Bass Pro Shops
9/16/2007		MBI	Cass Lake
9/22-23/2007		Classic Tournament	TBD
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	http://basspro.com Phone: 248-209-4200
Carolina Chip's Lure Company		http://www.carolinachip.com/Carolina_Chips.htm (586)713-4703, Fax. (248)364-5601



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Editor's Favorite Links

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Bass Fan	www.bassfan.com
Bass Haven Canada	www.basshavencanada.com
Bass Man Movie	www.bassmanmovie.com
Bass Masters	www.bassmaster.com
Bass Pro International	www.bassprointernational.com
Bass Pro Shops	www.basspro-shops.com
Bass Resource	www.bassresource.com/html/contents.html
Cabelas	www.cabelas.com
Fiberglassics	www.fiberglassics.com
Fishing Clubs	www.fishingclubs.org
FLW Tour	www.flwoutdoors.com
Gander Mountain	www.gandermountain.com
Glastron Boats	www.classicglastron.com/gl-the-years-web.html
Lake St. Clair	www.lakestclair.net
Michigan Bass Chapter Federation	www.michiganbass.org
Michigan DNR	www.michigan.gov/dnr
National Boat Mart	www.nationalboatmart.com/Pre-Owned1.htm
Oakland County Bass Anglers	www.geocities.com/Colosseum/Track/4845/index.htm
REI	www.rei.com
Tim Tucker Outdoors	www.timtuckeroutdoors.com
Wayne Carpenter's Combat Fishing	hometown.aol.com/fishinfosv/myhomepage/index.html
Weather	www.weather.com

Feel free to send the editor your favorite links, to share with the rest of the club!