

Emerald Bass Club Newsletter

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Event Calendar - August/September 2002

EBC Events:

Tue Aug 06	EBC Business Meeting	Oddfellows Lodge, 342 Main St, Springfield, OR
Sun Aug 18	EBC Draw (SNBF \$15.00)	Fall Creek
Tue Sep 03	EBC Business Meeting	Oddfellows Lodge, 342 Main St, Springfield, OR
Sep 21/22	EBC Draw (SNBF \$20.00)	Cottage Grove - Dorena <Split Lake Draw>

Statewide:

Sat Aug 10	American Bass	Scappoose
Sat Aug 17	Western Bass	Cathedral Park
Aug 24/25	Oregon B.A.S.S. Finals	Scappoose
Sep 07/08	Big Poly Invitational	Scappoose
Sun Sep 15	Anglers Choice	The Dalles
Sep 21/22	Hawg Hunters Open	Scappoose

Bass mortality big issue at Crane Prairie

The controversy began with a statement that club tournament bass fisherman had killed over 100 bass in the 5 to 6 lb range at Crane Prairie the weekend of July 13/14. While the size of the fish was an obvious exaggeration, there is absolutely no doubt that the mortality rate was excessive and that bass fishermen weren't all wearing white hats that weekend. The following is partial text of an e-mail from Chuck Lang to Gary Stevenson, the gentlemen who first brought the matter to our attention.

Your observation in terms of numbers of dead fish matched that of 3 others. One, who is a tournament angler, visited the lake the following week with a friend. He was not in any of the tournaments.

Here is what we know so far: Each of the 4 clubs made multiple mistakes in judgement that lead to this mess. The first mistake by at least 2 clubs was to schedule their events knowing that 2 clubs were already there. There were too many boats on the water and tournament rigs in the parking lots. The second mistake was not supplying each boat with coolers and blocks of ice for their livewells. When the lake water temp. reaches 85 degrees it is critical to keep the livewell water cool enough to hold adequate oxygen to support what they put in the livewell. Third, they didn't add salt to the water to increase the absorption of oxygen. Lastly, they released fish that were obviously beyond recovery. Many other procedures were not followed during the weekend. The release location rules were not followed and bagged fish waited out of the livewells while others were weighed.

I have spoken to 3 of the 4 club reps, our federation president, secretary and tournament director and reported this to ODFW. ODFW suspects that one club was negligent beyond reason. It is a club NOT part of our Federation. The 2 federation clubs made an effort to minimize the mortality rate by having multiple weigh-ins per day to keep fish in livewells for shorter periods. The other used ice and moved to another water on Sunday.

ODFW will decide what will happen next. We have recommended closing the lake to non-permitted tournaments for the remainder of the year as a wake-up call to those that don't pay attention to their responsibility.

EBC members can be thankful that we elected to amend our original 2002 schedule and were not part of the mess. Still, there is a valuable lesson to be learned from this.

EBC Tournament Recap

Results: Crane Prairie - June 29, 2002			
<i>Award</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Fish</i>	<i>Weight</i>
1 st Place	Troy Corgain - Dennis Green	5	19.45
2 nd Place	Pat Konrady - Ron German	5	17.49
3 rd Place	Dave Schnell - Chris Vest	5	16.31
4 th Place	Andy Mitchell - Brad Green	5	16.30
5 th Place	Bob Caldwell - George Downs	5	16.28
6 th Place	Rob Warden - Mike Finley	5	16.00
7 th Place	Matt Wilson - Steve Davidson	5	15.84
8 th Place	Ron Spencer - Rob Ross	5	15.47
9 th Place	John Bizzarri - Nick Stewart	5	15.43
10 th Place	Jed Zumwalt - John Buller	5	13.65
11 th Place	Harry Plouse - Frank Crayer	5	13.46
12 th Place	Tom McArt - Rob Felton	3	9.26
13 th Place	Jerry Lake - Chase Skinner	3	6.87
Big Fish	Rob Felton		4.69
<i>Tournament Totals</i>		61	191.81

* Non-member - AOY Points Award pending membership

Tenmile Results: July 13-14, 2002			
<i>Award</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Fish</i>	<i>Weight</i>
1 st Place	Harry Ruth - Reed Conrad	10	23.29
2 nd Place	Tom McArt - Nick Stewart	10	20.36
3 rd Place	Ron Spencer - Chris Vest	10	19.39*
4 th Place	Troy Corgain - Rob Felton	10	19.32
5 th Place	Bob Caldwell - Joe Hubacek	10	17.77
6 th Place	Andy Mitchell - Jerry Lake	10	17.24
7 th Place	George Downs - Ron German	9	16.02
8 th Place	Rob Warden - Paul Brown	8	10.79
9 th Place	Matt Wilson - Mike Finley	7	9.01
Big Fish	Bob Caldwell		4.09
<i>Tournament Totals</i>		84	153.19

* Net after .5 lb Dead Fish Penalty

EBC B.A.S.S. Final Standings

Rank	Member	Show up Points	Team Points	Total Points	Throw Out	2001 AOY Points
1	Troy Corgain	6.00	42.00	48.00	10.00	38.00
2	Nick Stewart	6.00	37.00	43.00	11.00	32.00
3	George Downs	6.00	37.00	43.00	13.00	30.00

Special Boat For Sale

For the past decade, there is no question that John Bizzarri has been the hardest working and most popular EBC member. John is being transferred to Las Vegas and would like to sell his 1985 Ranger 371 before leaving town. It is equipped with a 175 Mercury with less than 25 hours on the meter and more extras than I could list in the entire newsletter. He is asking \$6,500.00. Give John a call at 541-688-0651 for a great deal on a great boat from a great guy.