

# Emerald Bass Club Newsletter

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## *Event Calendar – February/March 2003*

### **EBC Events:**

|            |                        |  |
|------------|------------------------|--|
| Tue Mar 04 | EBC Business Meeting   | Oddfellows Lodge, 342 Main St, Springfield, OR |
| Sun Mar 30 | EBC Draw (SNF \$30.00) | Tahkenitch                                     |
| Tue Apr 01 | EBC Business Meeting   | Oddfellows Lodge, 342 Main St, Springfield, OR |
| Apr 18–20  | EBC Pick               | Shasta   |

### **Statewide:**

|            |                  |               |
|------------|------------------|---------------|
| Sat Mar 15 | Osprey Point     | Tenmile       |
| Sat Mar 29 | Anglers Choice   | Boardman      |
|            | ABA North        | Tenmile       |
| Sat Apr 05 | 100% Bass        | Scappoose Bay |
|            | ABA North        | Siltcoos      |
| Sat Apr 12 | Oregon B.A.S.S.  | Tenmile       |
|            | ABA South        | Tahkenitch    |
| Apr 12-13  | High Desert Open | Boardman      |
| Sat Apr 19 | Green Peter Open | Green Peter   |
| Sat Apr 26 | Oregon B.A.S.S.  | Siltcoos      |
| Sat Apr 26 | Anglers Choice   | The Dalles    |

## *Lots of small fish caught in season opener*

A bit of rain, a bit of sunshine and very little wind greeted the 13 boats participating in the season opener on Tenmile on February 22, 2003. Though the fish were on the small side, 1.60 lb average, 10 of the 13 boats managed to weigh a 5 fish limit. Not at all bad for a February tournament at this latitude.

Despite a heavy handicap in the person of partner Reed Conrad, guest angler Chris Dustin managed a victory in his first EBC Tournament with a 5-fish limit weighing 9.06 lbs. Joe Hubacek took "Big Fish Honors" with a 2.75 lb largemouth.

| <i>Results: Tenmile - Feb 22, 2003</i> |                               |             |               |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| <i>Award</i>                           | <i>Team</i>                   | <i>Fish</i> | <i>Weight</i> |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place                  | Chris Dustin* - Reed Conrad   | 5           | 9.06          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place                  | Troy Corgain - Chuck Loveless | 5           | 8.94          |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place                  | George Downs - Paul Brown     | 5           | 8.81          |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Place                  | Joe Hubacek - Rob Ross        | 5           | 8.75          |

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| 5 <sup>th</sup> Place    | Andy Mitchell - Shelton Stewart* | 5         | 8.00         |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Place    | Nick Stewart - Mike Finley       | 5         | 8.00         |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Place    | Pete Ohlsen - Steve Davidson*    | 5         | 7.63         |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Place    | Bob Caldwell                     | 4         | 7.19         |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Place    | Jerry Lake - Matt Wilson         | 5         | 6.63         |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Place    | Dave Schnell - Brad Green        | 5         | 6.63         |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Place   | Rob Wardan - Matt Ohlsen*        | 5         | 6.56         |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Place   | Ron Spencer - Dennis Green       | 3         | 4.56         |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Place   | Chris Vest - Rob Felton          | 1         | 2.00         |
| Big Fish                 | Joe Hubacek                      |           | 2.75         |
| <b>Tournament Totals</b> |                                  | <b>58</b> | <b>92.76</b> |

\* NON-MEMBER - AOY Points award pending membership or payment of 2003 dues

### *Shasta date left intact*

As reported in last month's newsletter, we had inadvertently scheduled the Shasta event on Easter weekend. Unfortunately, there were no better dates available. In order to accommodate those wishing to be home on Easter Sunday, teams will be allowed to fish a half-day on Friday in lieu of Sunday. The Friday weigh-in will be conducted at 1:00 PM at Bailey Cove.

### *Next stop, Tahkenitch*

In addition to passing out awards for Tenmile, Tournament Director Chris Vest will be conducting the draw for the Tahkenitch event on **Sunday**, March 30th. With the mild winter we have had, this could be a fabulous event.

There is no guest speaker scheduled this month but there should be a lively discussion at Tuesday's meeting on weigh-in procedures. By the time it was discovered that the club scales were nonfunctioning at Tenmile, far too many fish were waiting in bags. Cool water temperatures and small fish probably saved us in this instance but next time we may not be so lucky.

### *Oregon B.A.S.S State Federation board meeting*

The meeting was held February 9th in Salem. Representing the EBC Bassmasters at the meeting were John Buller and Bill Borum. The chief item on the agenda was qualification for the State Fish-off. Under last year's format, only the Federation Circuit's Angler of the Year gained an automatic berth to the State Team. It was decided that, in 2003, the top 2 from the Federation Circuit would gain an automatic berth. Other than that, the selection process for the State Fish-off will be identical to 2002.

For more information, check the Federation Website at [www.orbass.org](http://www.orbass.org).