

Emerald Bass Club Newsletter

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Event Calendar – April 2004

EBC Events:

Tue Apr 6	EBC Business Meeting	Oddfellows Lodge, 342 Main St, Springfield, OR
Sat/Sun Apr 17/18	EBC Pick	Shasta

Statewide Events:

Sat Apr 10	ABA-N	Scappoose Bay
Sat Apr 10	Oregon Bass	Tenmile
Sat Apr 17	CVBC (Green Peter Open)	Green Peter
Sat Apr 17	Oregon Hawg Hungers	Columbia River (Camas)
Sat Apr 24	ABA-S	Trinity

Season opener at Tenmile

Beautiful weather and 50 degree water temps welcomed EBC club members at this years' season opener at Tenmile on March 6th. Several larger tournaments had been held recently and weather conditions had been poor for several days, so the fishing was going to be unpredictable at best.

Third place went to Andy Mitchell and Mark Mattson, weighing in a limit of 9.56 pounds. Second place went to the team of Lonnie Crabtree and Dave Bolt with a weight of 10.82 pounds. And first place was secured by Rob Wardan and Reed Conrad with a total weight of 12.32 pounds. The 4.16 lb. "big fish" was caught by Bob Caldwell.

This makes it two years running where Reed Conrad wins the season opener. Has the "bass magnet" returned? We will see as the year progresses. One thing is for sure... it didn't hurt getting paired up with Wardan who offered him a crash course in jerk bait fishing.

Results: Tenmile - March 6, 2004			
Award	Team	Fish	Weight
1st Place	Rob Wardan - Reed Conrad	5	12.32
2nd Place	Lonnie Crabtree - Dave Bolt	5	10.82
3rd Place	Andy Mitchell - Mark Mattson	5	9.56
4th Place	Jerry Lake - Bob Caldwell	5	9.52

5th Place	Corey Buller - Paul Brown	5	7.31
6th Place	Troy Corgain - Chase Skinner	5	6.93
7th Place	Roger Emmett - Steve Davidson	4	5.26
8th Place	George Downs	2	2.60
9th Place	Matt Olsen - Mike Finley	1	1.54
	Matt Wilson	-	-
Big Fish	Bob Caldwell		4.16
<i>Tournament Totals</i>		37	65.86

Predictable Results at Tahkenitch

Once again, Troy Corgain's name appears at the top of the tournament results for Tahkenitch. Troy and teammate Brad Green finished in first place with a total weight of 12.27 pounds. This may sound familiar... and it should. You'll have to go back as far as 1998 to find someone other than Troy winning this tournament! No wonder Corgain likes fishing this lake in the spring.

It wasn't as easy this time around. Chris Vest and partner Nick Stewart were not far behind with 4 fish weighing 11.95 pounds. Rob Wardan and Mike Finley finished in 3rd place with 3 fish weighing 10.64 pounds, including Rob's big fish of the tournament at 5.30 lbs.

<i>Results: Tahkenitch - March 20, 2004</i>			
<i>Award</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Fish</i>	<i>Weight</i>
1st Place	Troy Corgain - Brad Green	5	12.27
2nd Place	Chris Vest - Nick Stewart	4	11.95
3rd Place	Rob Wardan - Mike Finley	3	10.64
4th Place	George Downs - Max Clark	3	6.09
5th Place	Roger Emmett - Paul Brown	3	6.06
6th Place	Jim Miller - Bob Caldwell	3	5.29
7th Place	Lonnie Crabtree - Reed Conrad	3	4.56
8th Place	Matt Ohlsen - Mark Mattson	1	2.60
9th Place	Pete Ohlsen - Chris Parks	1	1.27
10th Place	Andy Mitchell - Dennis Green	1	1.07
11th Place	Jerry Lake - Steve Davidson	1	0.98
	Dave Schnell - Ron Schulte	-	-

Big Fish	Rob Wardan	5.30
Tournament Totals		28 62.78

Close call for tournament director Pete Ohlsen

On the afternoon of Saturday, March 20, EBC Tournament Director Pete Ohlsen got quite a scare. Shortly after weigh-in at Tahkenitch Lake, Pete was heading south on highway 101. Just north of the town of Gardner, where Sparrow Park Road enters from the west, traffic in both directions came to a complete stop.

Vehicles waited as someone rounded up their dog which was running loose in the middle of the highway. After a few moments, traffic began to move again. As Pete took his foot off the brake and began to inch forward, he was slammed from behind by a Chevy Astrovan.

According to Pete, "I was completely stopped in traffic... and I guess this old guy wasn't paying attention. He lost control trying to stop and rear ended me. I didn't see or hear him coming at all. I'm very lucky that the boat took the brunt of it, but it was still quite a ride. Seeing that boat and trailer flying by me out the passenger window was quite a sight. It looks like Ranger Boats are built better than Chevy Astro vans from what I can tell. The guy in the Astro was by himself and only had some minor cuts and bruises. He's super lucky, his airbags saved him big time. With a collision of this magnitude, it's really amazing no one was seriously injured."

Pete took some quick photos of the accident, well before the ambulance and police arrived at the scene. The modest photographer apologizes, saying "Sorry some of the pics are fuzzy, I was still shaking pretty bad from the adrenaline". More photographs are located on our website.



Keeping a great sense of humor, Pete was still able to joke, "I like to get a little creative, but this is not the right way to 'launch' your boat."

Next Stop - Shasta

As always, the Shasta trip promises a great time for everyone. Pick your own partner and we'll see you there for a two day tournament April 17 & 18. More information will be available at the club meeting.

2004 Emerald Bass Club Standings

Rank	Member	Show Up Points	Team Points	Big Fish Points	Total Points	Throw Out	2003 AOY Points
1	Rob Wardan	2	18	1	21		21
2	Troy Corgain	2	15		17		17
3	Reed Conrad	2	14		16		16
4	Bob Caldwell	2	12	1	15		15
5	Lonnie Crabtree	2	13		15		15
6	Paul Brown	2	12		14		14
7	Mark Mattson	2	11		13		13
8	George Downs	2	10		12		12
9	Mike Finley	2	10		12		12
10	Roger Emmett	2	10		12		12
11	Andy Mitchell	2	9		11		11
12	Brad Green	1	10		11		11
13	Chris Vest	1	9		10		10
14	Dave Bolt	1	9		10		10
15	Nick Stewart	1	9		10		10
16	Jerry Lake	2	7		9		9
17	Max Clark	1	7		8		8
18	Corey Buller	1	6		7		7
18	Corey Buller	1	6		7		7
19	Matt Ohlsen	2	5		7		7
20	Chase Skinner	1	5		6		6
21	Jim Miller	1	5		6		6
22	Steve Davidson	2	4		6		6
23	Chris Parks	1	2		3		3
24	Pete Ohlsen	1	2		3		3
25	Dennis Green	1	1		2		2
26	Dave Schnell	1			1		1
27	Matt Wilson	1			1		1
28	Ron Schulte	1			1		1

