

Emerald Bass Club Newsletter

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Event Calendar – June/July 2005

EBC Events:

Wed June 1	EBC Business Meeting	Oddfellows Lodge, 342 Main St, Springfield, OR
Sat/Sun June 18/19	EBC Pick	Crane Prairie
Wed July 6	EBC Business Meeting	Oddfellows Lodge, 342 Main St, Springfield, OR
Sat July 9	EBC Draw	t.b.a. – President's Choice

Statewide Events:

Sat June 4	Blue Mountain	Boardman
Sat June 4	ABA-N	Prineville
Sun June 12	Central Open	Crane Prairie
Sat June 18	Oregon BASS	Green Peter
Sat June 25	ABA-S	Crane Prairie
Sat July 9	ABA-N	Celilo Park
Sat July 16	Oregon BASS	Hood River
Sat July 23	ABA-S	Tahkenitch
Sat July 30	Bi-Mart	Dalles, OR

Fern Ridge Update

On May 11, Dan Dettmann attended a high level meeting regarding the Fern Ridge project. Here is an excerpt from an email he sent the club about that meeting:

“Fern ridge currently is storing about 4000 acre/feet and projected summer demands are about 10,000 acre/feet. Fish and wildlife (with the exception of some endangered species) will receive no consideration when it comes to water rights, so everyone is pretty much in agreement that some kind of fish die off will occur. The word I kept hearing in the meeting was MONITOR. So the fish and wildlife will be monitored for problems and dealt with accordingly when they occur. We had a long term ODFW biologist from eastern Oregon listening in by phone who was probably the most informative person there and he seemed to like the idea of collecting and storing a sampling of bass and bluegill from the lake. We discussed ideas and options about moving and saving some fish. These folks seemed pretty interested in having some volunteer help at the proper time so I hope the boys from the different clubs will be available. The fish are fine for now and the entire face of the dam will be off limits to any public use so there will be no official lake closure for the duration of the project. No decisions were made at this meeting per se but there is definitely some interest in the bass fishery out there. Also the fact that Greg went out there in his drift boat and lost an enormous fish last weekend will help keep him motivated to do all he can. I know this doesn't sound like much action is being taken, but people who DO care are on the job and doing what they can within the system.”

Thanks for the information Dan.

Fall Creek Results

A big fish weighing 6.20 pounds helped the team of Rob Wardan and Mike Finley win the Fall Creek tournament with a total weight of 12.95 pounds. Most of their fish were caught drop-shotting in and around weed beds and main lake points. Although it was Rob who caught the big fish, it was Mike Finley who chose the location and insisted on slowing down to fish the area more carefully. Teamwork definitely paid off!

Chris Vest and Chris Parks finished close behind in 2nd place with a 12.17 pound limit. Lacking a “kicker”, their bag was of the best overall quality – with all five fish being of fairly good quality.

Pete Ohlsen and Greg Crowl finished in 3rd place with a 9.64 pound limit caught mostly using a variety of Carolina rigged baits. Pete now shares the number 1 spot for Angler of the Year with Rob Wardan.

Place	Team Name	Number of Fish	Total Weight	Penalty	Final Weight	Big Fish Weight
1	Rob Wardan / Mike Finley	5	12.95		12.95	6.20
2	Chris Vest / Chris Parks	5	12.17		12.17	
3	Pete Ohlsen / Greg Crowl	5	9.64		9.64	
4	Bob Caldwell / Wayne Garneau	5	8.75		8.75	4.14
5	Corey Buller / Rob Ross	5	8.25		8.25	
6	Troy Corgain / Reed Conrad	5	7.93		7.93	
7	Matt Wilson / Brad Green	5	7.71		7.71	2.52
8	Dave Schnell / Paul Brown	5	6.53		6.53	
9	Art Ferriera / Carey Cooper	5	6.46		6.46	
10	George Downs / Ron Hansen	5	6.42		6.42	
11	Tom Yeack / Roger Emmert	5	6.54	0.50	6.04	
12	Dennis Green / Chase Skinner	5	4.75		4.75	
	Big Fish - Rob Wardan					6.20

Next Stop – Crane Prairie

The next EBC club tournament will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 18 and 19.

This will be the second of three “pick” tournaments held this year. Meeting will be on the water at the Rock Creek launch facility at 5:15 am. (it’s getting light very early now!).

Weigh-in is scheduled for 3:00 on Saturday and 12:00 on Sunday.

Let’s not disturb campers, anglers, and others who share these facilities by following a few simple rules.

1. Park along side the road leading into the ramp area rather than taking up the few good spots in the parking lot.
2. Turn off your engines and headlights while waiting to launch.
3. Keep your voices down.
4. Use your electric motors to move out a couple hundred yards from the ramp to the meeting area.

2005 Angler of the Year Standings (top 25)

Rank	Member	Show Up Points	Team Points	Big Fish Points	Total Points	Throw Out	2005 AOY Points
1	Pete Ohlsen	4	34	0	38		38
1	Rob Wardan	4	33	1	38		38
3	Chris Vest	4	29	1	34		34
4	Carey Cooper	4	23	0	27		27
5	George Downs	4	21	0	25		25
6	Mike Finley	3	20	0	23		23
7	Greg Crowl	3	19	0	22		22
8	Chris Parks	3	18	0	21		21
9	Bob Caldwell	3	16	1	20		20
10	Reed Conrad	3	16	0	19		19
11	Brad Green	3	15	0	18		18
11	Ron Hansen	4	14	0	18		18
13	Dave Schnell	4	13	0	17		17
14	Roger Emmert	4	12	0	16		16
14	Tom Yeack	3	13	0	16		16
16	Corey Buller	2	13	0	15		15
16	Dennis Green	4	11	0	15		15
16	Troy Corgain	2	13	0	15		15
19	Wayne Garneau	3	11	0	14		14
20	Chris Fancelli	1	10	1	12		12
21	Art Ferreira	4	6	0	10		10
21	Howard Pierce	1	9	0	10		10
21	Matt Wilson	2	8	0	10		10
21	Paul Brown	2	8	0	10		10
25	John Bizzarri	1	8	0	9		9