

Emerald Bass Club Newsletter

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Event Calendar – July / August 2007

EBC Events:

Sat July 21	EBC Draw Tournament	Greenpeter Reservoir (SNF \$25)
Wed Aug 1	EBC Business Meeting	Oddfellows Lodge, 342 Main St, Springfield, OR
Sat Aug 11	EBC Draw Tournament	Dorena (SNF \$20)

Statewide Events:

Sat July 21	Celilo Park	ABA North
Sat-Sun Aug 4-5	Tenmile Open	Tenmile Bass Club
Sat Aug 11	Boardman	NW Bass
Sat Aug 18	Newberg	ABA North
Sat Aug 25	Scappoose Bay Open	Hawg Hunters

Take Pride in Your Club

This year, as in every year, the Emerald Bass Club has several members fishing with other clubs and circuits – and doing quite well. A good portion of this newsletter is dedicated to those EBC members who have demonstrated outstanding achievements in bass angling beyond the club level.

Not everyone has the time or the resources to participate at this level. But everyone in the Emerald Bass Club should be proud to have contributed, in one way or another, to the success shared by their fellow club members. After all, we are all here to “improve our skill as bass anglers through a fellowship of friendly exchange of expert bass catching techniques and ideas, and to promote and encourage youth fishing, and a love for this great recreation.”

Gregor Crawl: 3rd Place Finish in Ultimate Match Fishing Competition

EBC member, and University of Oregon Bass Club President, Gregor Crawl traveled to Oneida Lake New York this June to compete in the first ever Outdoor Channel Ultimate Match Fishing Collegiate Edition tournament.

Gregor, representing the Pac-10 and the University of Oregon Ducks, fished on Monday June 18 – winning the first round against Purdue. He then went on to beat Penn State in the second round event on Sunday June 24. In the semi-final round on Wednesday, June 27, Gregor lost to Kentucky, but ended up with an impressive 3rd place overall finish. For his accomplishment, Gregor brings home a \$5,000 contribution to the University of Oregon’s general scholarship fund. Great job Gregor!

Keep an eye on the television listings. The Outdoor Channel plans to air this event in High-Def sometime later this year.

We should note that Gregor’s travels were sponsored, in part, by generous donations from the Emerald Bass Club, George and Loretta Downs, and Roger Emmert. Many thanks to all those who made this experience possible!

Corey Buller: BASS State Team at Lake Powell

Last year, Corey Buller qualified for the BASS state team, providing him the opportunity to fish at the regional BASS championship tournament at Lake Powell this year. We're hoping to get a report of his experience at an upcoming meeting, and we'll pass along more details as we get them.

John Buller and Greg Hadleburg: Currently 5th in Oregon BASS Standings

After a 3rd place finish at Boardman and a 5th place finish at Hood River, long time member John Buller and teammate Greg Hadleburg rose to 5th place in the Oregon BASS point standings. The top 6 teams in overall point standings will lock in a spot for the state team at the 2008 regional event. If they manage a strong finish at their next event, John would be making his **tenth** career appearance on the state team.

American Bass Participation

A popular venue for EBC members is the American Bass Association circuit – in particular the Oregon South division. Chris Vest and Corey Buller finished the year in 5th place in overall point standings. In six events for the year, Emerald Bass Club teams finished “in the money” ten times.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Team Members</u>	<u>Prize Money</u>
May 26	1 st	Fall Creek	Paul Brown / Rob Wardan	\$1,658
March 10	2 nd	Tenmile	Paul Brown / Rob Wardan	\$1,230
May 26	3 rd	Fall Creek	Chris Vest / Corey Buller	\$828
June 23	4 th	Crane Prairie	Chris Vest / Corey Buller	\$436
July 14	4 th	Tenmile	Chris Vest / Corey Buller	\$436
June 23	5 th	Crane Prairie	Tom Yeack / Harry Plouse	\$250
July 14	5 th	Tenmile	Paul Brown / Rob Wardan	\$454
April 14	8 th	Tahkenitch	Chris Vest / Corey Buller	\$626
March 10	11 th	Tenmile	Roger Emmert / Ron Hansen	\$502
April 14	11 th	Tahkenitch	Tom Yeack / Harry Plouse	\$228

EBC Club Tournament – Prineville Reservoir

Over the weekend of June 30, nine Emerald Bass Club teams gathered for a two-day club tournament at Prineville Reservoir. A special guest appearance was even made by long time member Dean Stepp who traveled all the way from Coeur d'Alene Idaho to show off his new Ranger boat. It's always great to see you Dean!

There was a little confusion about the gate situation at the boat ramp. In May, Rob Wardan spoke with a state park representative by telephone and was told that there was no gate, and that we could launch as early as we wanted. Unfortunately that wasn't how things turned out. Friday night before the tournament, Mike Finley had a chance to speak with an on-site park ranger and found out that there was a gate – and that it didn't open until 6:00am. Luckily, the ranger agreed to reprogram the gate to open automatically at 5:00am so that we could start close to our scheduled blast-off time. Thank you to Mike for taking care of this.

With any group event like this, it's not uncommon for someone to experience some sort of equipment failure. It's always nice to see people step in and help out when something like this happens. Steven Starros and Chris Parks had a trailer hub bearing go out on Saturday. After weigh-in, Jerry Lake, Mike Finley, Ron Hansen and Chris Vest all stepped up to help out in a tough situation. Jerry knew someone at Dave's Towing in Prineville who eventually helped get everything repaired – using some spare parts offered by Chris. Nice job helping out.

As for the fishing, it was nice for the club to explore some “new water”. The fishing appeared to be pretty tough on Saturday, with most people struggling to bring in a limit. There were plenty of undersize Smallies caught, and not much in the way of keepers. Those who did manage a limit were fortunate enough to find some locations holding Largemouth over 12 inches.

Then on Sunday, Andy Mitchell and George Downs proved that fishing on Prineville could be pretty good. After searching all weekend, they finally found the big ones, including a couple of 4 pounders. With only 2 pounds total on Saturday, they weighed in 14 pounds on Sunday to win the tournament. Rumor is – all their fish were caught on frogs.

Team	# of Fish	Weight	Final Weight	Big Fish	
George Downs / Andy Mitchell	7	15.29	15.29	3.99	largemouth
Jerry Lake / Mike Finley	9	13.68	13.68		
Chris Parks / Steven Stavros	8	12.00	12.00		
Dave Fuske / Tracy Cardwell	6	9.82	9.82		
Paul Brown / Rob Wardan	8	9.22	9.22		
Chris Vest / Ron Hansen	4	8.70	8.70	3.10	smallmouth
Matt Wilson / Mark Wilson	5	7.27	7.27		
Roger Emmert / Larry Emmert	3	5.59	5.59		
Dean Stepp / Bob Strains	0	0.00	0.00		

Next Stop – Green Peter (Saturday, July 21)

For those wanting to travel as a group, several teams will be gathering at Best Buy off Gateway Road, leaving the parking lot at 4:00am. Official meeting will take place on the water at 5:15 with blast-off at first safe light. Weigh-in is scheduled for 3:00.