

MIDWEEK BASS ANGLERS OF ARIZONA INC

Bass Bites

FISHING WEDNESDAYS - NOT WEEKENDS!



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President's Perspective *By Gary Grimes*

I'm on vacation and will be back next week.

Lake Roosevelt

January 16, 2013
By Terry Tassin

I cannot remember the last time I fished a club tournament and completely zipped! That means not a single tap on the line to indicate a fish was there. I have to admit for my team plus four other teams it was a very tough day of fishing - and that is not counting the cold temperatures. But I am sure you want to hear from some of the members who did catch fish so here goes!

Team Paul Cormany & Howard Thomas Start Season With Win

Taking home **1st Place**, Team Paul Cormany & Howard

Monthly Breakfast Meeting
Deer Valley Airport Restaurant
702 W. Deer Valley Rd
Phoenix, AZ
1st Wednesday of Each Month 8:00 A.M.

Thomas weighed the winning creel of five bass weighing 10.96 lbs. Thanks to Paul's 2.65 lb bass the team also won **1st Place Big Fish** honors.

Paul Cormany commented about the fishing this month; "This month I had a chance to fish with Howard Thomas at Roosevelt. We have been paired before so we knew how we would be working together. I went up Saturday and found a decent jig and crankbait bite. Howard caught our first keeper on a jig on his second cast of the day. I thought we were on a roll. We spent three hours in that area, covering the bank with the jig, then cranking the entire stretch and then moving deeper with the jig and drop shot. We left with just the one fish.

I went to another area where I had caught two fish and had a couple more bites on Saturday. We lost several jigs and after about an hour, I thought it was time to leave. Howard needed to tie on another jig and told me to make another cast while he tied on. I felt a solid thump and couldn't believe I had my first bite of the day after four hours of fishing. We got our best fish of the day in the well and re-situated the boat. On the next cast, I caught another

nice bass. About five minutes later, Howard had our fourth keeper in the boat. We made another move to an area where I knew of two good rock ledges and when I saw the meter drop from 16 to 23 feet, I positioned the boat to parallel the ledge. Howard made a cast with a drop shot and keeper number five went in the well. I caught our smallest fish in the same area and we were done for the day.



1st Place
Howard Thomas & Paul Cormany

Happy Valentines Day!



"We Practice Catch and Release"

Six bites are all we could manage and we made everyone count. Thanks to Howard for putting the fish we needed to win in the boat. I also want to thank Terry Tassin for lending me a fizz needle. After our Bartlett tournament last year, I took all the tackle out of my boat when I took it to Cabela's to have the lower unit replaced. Somehow my fizz needle didn't make it back in before I left for Roosevelt. Another big thank you goes out to Lou Hirlemann for spotting a low tire on my truck. It would have never made it home without getting aired up. I look forward to seeing everyone at Bartlett next month."

Howard added to Paul's remarks; "What can I say, I was with Number 1 "Mr. Lucky"; looks like he is in for another banner year. Well it was a

Next Meeting Next Tournament

Our next club general meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, 6 February** starting at 8:00 AM, at **Deer Valley Airport Restaurant** (just one mile north of I-101 at the intersection of 7th Ave & Deer Valley Road). We hope you will come early and have breakfast together.

The next club point tournament will be at **Lake Bartlett** on **20 February 2013**. Club launch headquarters and weigh-in location will be announced. Tournament hours are **Safe Light to 3 PM**.

tough day to say the least. We had our first fish in the boat on the second cast and it looked like it might turn out easy but you know fishing. I caught the first fish and Paul dared me to do that four more times. I told him of the time I fished with Terry on this same lake, and never caught a fish the rest of the day after catching the first fish. I said "I hope you didn't just jinx us". We each caught six fish total of which the last one was the smallest and uncullable. Four came on jigs and one on a drop shot. Our last fish was caught in the last 30 minutes of the day across from the ramp; it was a grind all day.

But Paul being the angler he is always has high expectations, never gives up, and can always lift your game to a new level. Thanks Paul for a fun day on the water and showing me where all the big fish hang out. Ha!"

Gary Senft & Ricky Boehm Finish 2nd

In **Second Place** the team of **Gary Senft & Ricky Boehm** weighed five bass for a total weight of 8.83 lbs.

Gary Senft, fishing his first tournament with the club, stated: "Starting out on this cold morning Rick Boehm could hardly move because of all the clothes he had on. He said he was cold so I stayed close by the ramp. We started with drop shots and jigs. Fishing was very slow for us - it took us two hours to catch two fish.



**2nd Place
Gary Senft & Ricky Boehm**

We started running around by the dam and marina and Erwin's Cove. We caught a few fish each place we stopped to fish. Drop shot with morning dawn was the best worm, jigs worked best with watermelon black purple, red flack was best on the Hula Grub. All our fish came from 15 ft to 30 ft deep. Our biggest fish, a 2.44, came out of 18 ft of water on a drop shot. Rick was fun to fish with. We caught 11 fish total."

Dwayne Steel & Jeff Mabry For 3rd Place

Team **Steel & Mabry** weighed five bass for 7.79 pounds and took home **Third Place** honors.

Jeff said, "Dwayne obviously knows the lake pretty well, so he had some spots picked out that he regularly catches fish on. Our first spot was by Windy Hill. Dwayne got two and I got one pretty quickly on deep cranks. We left that area after about an hour or so and tried a few other spots with cranks and jigs but with no luck. We then headed back to our original spot to give it another go. Dwayne caught one on a jig and I managed one with a drop shot and caught another on a

spoon.



3rd Place
Swayne Steel & Jeff Mabry

We then headed to the Tonto end of the lake where Dwayne made two upgrades, one on a medium crank and the other on a Carolina Rig. The last 30 minutes we spent on our original spot where I lost one in the last five minutes of the tournament that probably went "over 5", because I have never lost a fish that didn't weigh at least 5 lbs.

It was a fun day with Dwayne despite the cold and slow fish-

ing. Anyone should be thrilled to get drawn with him and I look forward to fishing with him again."

2nd Place Big Bass Honors To John Milkint & Gary Asmus

Thanks to a 2.61 lb bass caught by John Milkint, the team took home **2nd Place Big Fish** honors.

John Milkint related: "The team of Gary Asmus and John Milkint started out strong in the morning with two bass in the boat by 7:30. Both were caught on a spinner bait that was won at the Banquet Raffle by me in a Roosevelt package. I figured that if others had won on that spinner I would start the day with it. Unfortunately those were the only two bites we had for the day; two and done.

My partner, Gary Asmus, pre fished two days prior to the tournament and with the tournament day included had nada

- that's zero - bites in three days. He wanted to share this information in case it is an all time record achievement in the annals of Midweek Bass. If anyone has had a worse performance come forward and admit it.

That said we had a great time with some extras I would like to share.

Any non-boater fishing with



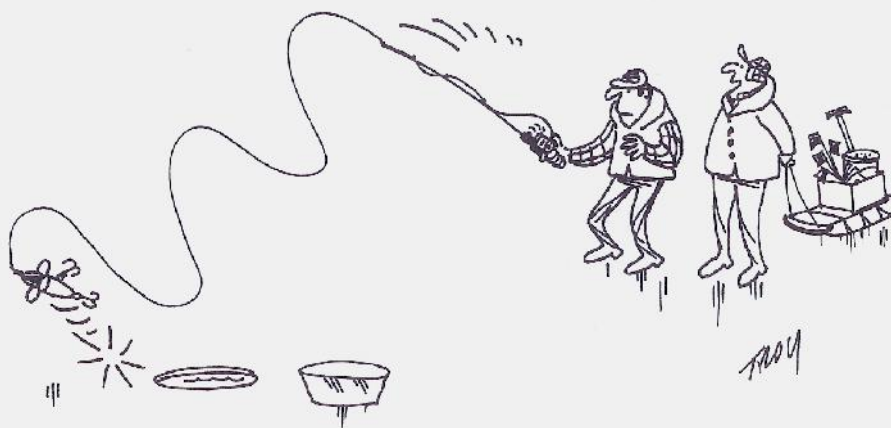
2nd Place Big Fish
John Milkint

Membership

As of January 18, 2013 the Midweek Bass Anglers of Arizona consists of 67 active members.

Sportsman's Warehouse Big Bass Prize

Richie Rojas is the winner this month of the Sportsman's Warehouse prize of a \$20 gift card for the largest bass weighed during a club tournament by a club member pre-signed-up for this prize. Richie's biggest bass weighed 2.61 lbs.



"Suppose you get it in the hole...then what?"

Gary be forewarned about his towing vehicle - it has some quirks. First concern is the ignition. You don't just turn the key on and off. You have to wiggle the key between one and 100 times to get it to engage and turn the motor on. Gary neglected to tell me that prior to my attempts to start the vehicle. I was wondering if I forgot how to start a vehicle. Also, when we were launching the boat, I asked how to turn on the parking lights so not to blind other drivers of trucks launching boats. Gary indicated that presented a problem since they just didn't turn on without a complicated system of turning the truck off and then restarting the truck which might take several minutes of wiggling the ignition key and then going through a complicated set of instructions. Needless to say I made the decision to just blind the next boat launching and getting off the ramp at the earliest possible time. This appeared to be the best of all alternatives. Another problem occurred when I started the truck at the conclusion of the tournament, after wiggling the key only 25 or so times, and the security alarm went off and needless to say turning it off highlighted another set of problems, which made me a basket case. These are the trials and tribulations of a non boater in Midweek Bass.

I did mention to Gary the fact that they sell new trucks at the Chevrolet dealer. He indicated that he anticipated another 100,000 miles on the current vehicle but he might consider a new ignition prior to adding that

many miles. We had a lot of laughs over my problems and in the end it was another great fishing experience with Gary."

Statistics for the tournament:

Twenty-Nine men fished 8 hours each, bringing 43 keeper bass to the scales for a total weight of 68.37 pounds with a 2.36 pound average catch per fisherman. All fish were released back into the lake after weigh-in to fight again another day.



Treasure Chest *By John Milkint, Treasurer*

First place went to Paul Cormany and Howard Thomas. Paul, our 2012 Angler of the Year, jump started 2013 with a strong beginning, the team sharing both first place and 1st Big Fish winning \$504.

Gary Senft and Ricky Boehm finished in 2nd place with a total weight of 8.83 lbs and each will share \$202.

Third place earnings of \$134 go to Dwayne Steel and Jeff Mabry.

The 2nd big fish prize did not go to any of these top three teams, but was won by Gary Asmus and John Milkint. Gary and yours truly split \$112.

This is the 3rd month in a row that the 5 lb pot was left intact. That means, heading into the Bartlett tournament, \$730 rolls over to be included with the February tournament entries. Remember, this is now a

closed pot and only those members up to date in the pot are eligible to enter.

No Goon Fish was caught at Roosevelt and since that is not a rollover pot a drawing will be made at the February meeting for those participating in the tournament. That pot is \$140.

For the information of new members, we also have a club prize drawing for those fishermen who did not win a prize at each month's tournament. That award is \$40, split between the team members. If a solo boat is drawn, the boater receives the entire amount.



Weighing-In *By Jack Hughes, Tmx Director*

First, I want to thank all the members who called and wrote about my recent health scare. It was overwhelming. Just to make things perfectly clear I have been cleared by the doctors to do whatever I want without any restrictions. So in my wife's words it is fish, fish, fish time.

I also want to thank all of the members that have contacted me to say how much they have enjoyed the club this year. I personally think the board of directors, under Gary Grimes leadership, has listened to every member that has brought up any subject and tried to evaluate the pros and cons of every suggestion. Then each item was taken it to the general membership to decide.

Let's look ahead at 2013. This will be a very good year for the club with a new adventure or two. We have received all of our permits except for Bartlett which was filed for on 12 October 2012 and they promised we would have it long before our tournament date; I check on it weekly. I want all members to know getting permits has become much harder and definitely a longer process in obtaining them. As proof just look on the Internet and see how many tournaments around the state have had to be canceled because of not being able to obtain a permit. This will be an ongoing issue so please be patient and don't even think of changing a location without three months' notice at the minimum.

For me there are many things I am looking forward to in 2013. A few are: Havasu of course and the excellent fishing along with the outstanding scenery (I suggest you make your accommodations early for Havasu the town fills up rapidly). Our first steak cookout for 2013 to be held in April at Alamo Lake, Apache which is always fun, and of course fishing Martinez - a new lake for us. I drove down to Martinez and received a tour by Fish and Game. I have to say it really convinced me the members that voted to fish Martinez really knew what they were talking about. There are so many places to fish that if you don't want to see another club boat you can achieve that goal except for takeoff and weigh in. There is plenty of camping, hotel, and eating places. My best

guess is Martinez will rate right up there with Havasu for quality fishing.

Since I had to miss Roosevelt I am really looking forward to fishing Bartlett, that's a first for me looking forward to Bartlett. I hope to see you all at the next club meeting and if I miss you there then at the Bartlett tournament.

**Guest Column
By Brian Chambers**

7th Annual Aces and Bases Celebrity Spring Training Poker Tournament benefiting *Every Kid Counts Children's Charity*. This is an incredibly fun evening with lots of prizes, raffles, casino night, with the celebrity Poker tournament. You could be playing poker with members of the Cardinals, Diamondbacks, Suns, Rattlers, or maybe even a poker pro. I just found out that Cody Ross the new acquisition for the Diamondbacks will be there. First place is a paid seat at the World Series of Poker! This is very popular and seats are limited so get your table quickly - bring your wives and have a great evening!

**Photo Scrapbook -
Lake Roosevelt -
January 16, 2013**



WHO IS THAT MASKED MAN READY TO HIT THE THROTTLE?



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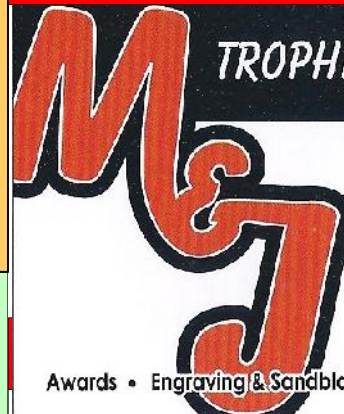
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Tournament Schedule**

16 January	Roosevelt
20 February	Bartlett
20 March	Havasu
17 April	Alamo
15 May	Apache
19 June	Saguaro
17 July	Bartlett
21 August	Saguaro
18 September	Roosevelt
16 October	Martinez
20 November	Alamo

Best Wishes and Happy Birthday

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