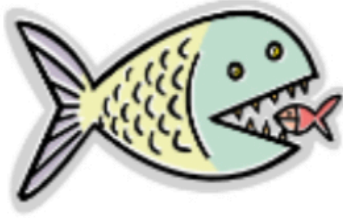


MIDWEEK BASS ANGLERS Of Arizona



Bass Bites



FISHING WEDNESDAY - NOT WEEKENDS!

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President's Perspective

By Floyd Vaughan

The Midweek Bass Anglers finished their 7th tournament of the year this past week at Lake Pleasant. Twenty Three boats entered the field on a hot, hot, and hot summer day seeking to hook 3 fish that were big enough to put them in the money. At this tournament, everyone truly had a chance, lots of fish were caught, but as usual, getting the right 3 bites was a challenge. Congratulations to Manny Madrid and Joe (J-Rig) Denson, who won the tournament with a 3.53 lb. kicker fish.



As mentioned in our recent email, we have changed the August tournament from Lake Pleasant to Saguaro Lake. Details will be sent by Dale Bayless in a future email. This will be the final tournament of our summer series, so the bag limit will be 3 fish and the tournament will end at 11AM. September takes us back to Roosevelt Lake, September 20th, from Safe Light – 2PM. Book your rooms now if you need one. October will find us at Alamo Lake, on October 18th, SL – 3PM. We have reserved the group use area from Sunday through Wednesday

morning. Just a reminder that anyone using the group use area is required to pay \$15 per day, preferably at the ranger station. Expect a barbecue!

Special Thanks to Lyle Danuser who helped with his equipment and fish caring talent. Also, a great guy to fish with! Andy Geottl was also a big help with the fish care.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who helped the weigh-in crew setup and take down our equipment. There's too many of you to mention, but you all know who you are, and again, thank you.



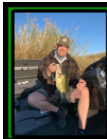
VP's Corner

Bob Cooley

A special shout out to Lyle Danuser for the use of his release tanks. We lost 5 fish at weigh-in and with the help of Lyle and Andrew Goettl fizing other distressed fish. We only had 2 more casualties. Without the tank several more would not have made it. Fish care is our #1 priority for the future of our sport.

Hope to see everyone at Saguaro.

Access Midweek Bass Anglers Internet Web site at:
<http://www.midweekbassaz.com>



Secretary's Message Dale Bayless

Hello members. It was a hot one at Pleasant. Let me start off by saying it is a privilege to not only be a member of Midweek but to be able to serve you all. As you know we had a 100 % percent change of the Board in January. We took over from Gary G, Gary M, Vern, Terry, and Tom. These guys have fine-tuned this club and have made it what it is today. I am happy to say that at the 7 Month mark we are finally getting things smoothed out as far as the transition. We newbies have finally started to gel and work together. However, we could not have done it without you. You as club members are the real reason that we are one of the best fishing circuits in AZ. Thank you for your constant input, suggestions, reminders that you all provide. Believe me, we appreciate it and listen to every single opinion.

Let me get to my part. A reminder that most information is posted on the website, for example: 2023 tournament schedule, applications, rules, results, pairings, lake fact sheets, bass bites, ytd standings and other information. There were a lot of questions just prior to this TX that you can find on the site. This will save a delay in communication.

We have the window decals back in and will be distributing them to whoever wants one. We had these before and brought them back.

Our monthly meetings attendance has gone down a bit despite the club's growth. Please let us know how we can make this better.

A reminder, the end of the year is coming up so start thinking about the banquet, any changes to rules or by laws, or anything that you think could benefit the club.

Finally, I am amazed at the number of people who step up to volunteer to help each and every time we need something. You know who you are, we want you to know how much we appreciate all your help.

We are changing the fishing location in August to another lake. August 16, Wednesday tournament will be held at **SAGUARO LAKE**

We are in the process of changing the online application, JotForm, website and all correspondence that pertains to this.

Please be patient until we get this complete. All costs will remain the same as Bartlet

Monthly Breakfast Meeting
Denny's Restaurant
2525 W. Deer Valley Road
Phoenix, AZ
1st Wednesday of Each Month
Meeting Starts at 8:00 A.M.



Editor's Comments

I want to thank Roger Williams for doing the photography this month. The heat got to his phone and boat numbers were not available, so the photos are limited. They are included at the end of Bass Bites and can be downloaded by [clicking here](#).

ANGLER'S REPORTS

FIRST PLACE (8.64#)

Manny Madrid and Joe Denson

I want start out that Manny and I talked a week before the tournament and he decided he was going to spend a couple days up there pre-fishing. Manny made two trips. He tried cranking and top water with no success. So he decided to start working points and humps with a drop shot. The day before the tournament we talked and decided that drop shot was the way to go.

The morning of the tournament we started on balance Rock on the south end within 20 minutes Manny caught a 1 and 1/2 lb fish on a drop shot with a patty crawl color. After that we worked four more spots and still only had one fish. So we decided to go to pro craft point. Within 20 minutes I had a fish over 3 and 1/2 lb caught 3/16 J-Rig green pumpkin black flake 5 and 1/2 in. So we worked it another 15-20 minutes and Manny caught our third fish which was right at a 3 pounder.

We decided we needed to upgrade and get rid of that pound and a half fish. So we went back to balance Rock within 15 minutes on a drop shot Manny caught a fish over 2 lb. With 20 minutes to go, we went back to pro craft point to finish the day. We only caught four fish and that was the end of the tournament and we kept our fingers crossed.

I would like to thank the midweek club it's a great organization.

SECOND PLACE (6.41#) Laron Porter and Tom Atherton

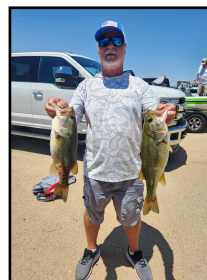
Laron Porter: I was fortunate enough to draw Tom Atherton for the 2nd time this year. What a great guy! He definitely carried team Porter/Atherton this week at Lake Pleasant.

I knew Pleasant would be a grind, but we managed to get a very SMALL limit by 6:08. Tom caught 2 fish on a small Rico and had a few additional blow-ups that didn't hook up. I had a 4" bass eat my vixon to complete our limit.

To allow us to cull out 2 fish, we began to drop-shot humps and points in 15'-40'. Tom caught all three of our keepers, 1 rico fish and 2 drop-shot fish. Pretty boring and hot, but super glad to be in the money!

A big thanks to all those who helped put this tournament together.

Congratulations to Manny and Joe for the W!!!



Tom Atherton: First, congratulations to Manny, and Joe on the win on a tough day of fishing.

I had the pleasure of fishing with Laron. Neither of us were able to pre-fish Lake Pleasant before this tournament. He let me know his boat was in the shop for service but didn't know if it

would be done in time. Fortunately it was ready late Tuesday afternoon.

We started out in a cove on the east side of the lake throwing top water Vixens, Spooks, and Rico's. We had caught our limit by 5:55am but they were small. We continued with top water for a few hours, culling several times, but still no "big ones". I think Laron might have had a 5 fish limit of dinks for less than 1 pound total weight, on the Vixen!

We moved around to some high spots in 22-40 feet throwing the drop shots in red crawler, and morning dawn. I switched to a small white fluke and caught the second place big fish on the second cast around 8:30. I threw it for the rest of the morning without a bite, That's Fishing!

THIRD PLACE (6.19#) **Jeff Mason and Otto Gal**

Otto Gal: I was amazed how well this tournament was organized and run, so thank you all very much. Nobody could have done it better. We started our day at the marina from the ramp all way back as far as we were allowed to go. We threw buzz-bait, Rico, split shot, drop shot, sencos; I was thinking a small kitchen sink would have worked but I didn't have a big enough tackle box.

From there we went not far from 10 Lane Ramp. Talk about being at the right place at the right time, within ten minutes I had two of our best fish in the boat (drop shot 6 inch pro gold worm about 30 feet deep). We had to fizz one of them to keep it alive to fight another day. Stayed there for at least another hour. The plan was to come back later and try again but returning there we had no luck there.

From there we went to lots of main lake points. I honestly can't remember where but within 20 minutes left to fish, Jeff got our 3rd fish.

I'm going to tell what funny thing happened to Jeff earlier in the day. One of his rods fell off the boat so he JUMPED after it, got his foot caught on a second rod which also went into the lake. He managed to retrieve both rods and by the time he got back into the boat he had cooled off, killing 2 birds with one stone.

One more thing: As I get older, my eyes and ears too are not as sharp as I'd like. So I'd like to thank all the boaters I've fished with for watching out for me.

FOURTH PLACE (6.15#) **Nick Teschler and Bryan Colby**

Nick Teschler: We went into the day knowing it was going to be a grind. It was hard to get bit on drop-shots, other than some small bluegill bites through-out the day. We could see the bass on the bottom, but I don't think either of us had the patience to sit there and dead stick these fish all day. We saw them chasing bait all over the lake and ended up catching all of our fish on topwater.

Even though we got 4th, it was a very tough day out there between fishing being slow and the brutal heat. We had a 2+ pounder in the boat and he bounced off the deck back into the lake. That would have put us in 2nd place, but that's how it shakes out sometimes.

Overall it was a fun time hanging with Bryan despite the slow fishing and heat.

FIFTH PLACE (5.90#)

Andrew Goettl and Doug Moore

Doug Moore: I had the pleasure of fishing with Andrew Goettl - great guy and excellent fisherman. We did not pre-fish, but Andy had some ideas and we started up by the no wake buoys in the river throwing top water and jigs. No action, so we moved across to another point and got a couple quick bites on a drop shot (margarita mutilator). After a bit of a lull, Andy got our 2.5 pounder on a drop shot with morning dawn and then the catfish on the same rig - we thought he had a big 'ol bass but not so much...

Ended up getting two more fish with one upgrade and that was our day. All fish caught on drop shot. Congrats to Manny and Joe and thanks to the crew for another great day on the water.

Andrew Goettl: I saw the email calling for a few more boaters and contacted Steve to tell him I needed to check at work, but that I thought I could come out and fish. My schedule wasn't too bad and when Steve called on Tuesday, I said that I was in for the next day. He told me that I was going to fish with Doug and I was boat #4 and that he would see me in the morning.

Doug and I happened to check in at the same time so finding each other was no problem. We loaded up and readied for blast off at the north ramp.

We ran up to a spot in the lower river channel, but we didn't manage so much as a sniff. I started racking my brain trying to figure out where we could possibly go to spook up at least one fish. Now I've got to say Doug was a great guy, and placed (a little too much) faith in me.

We ran to a little corner that I knew had a large flat and an associated steep edge that I have always picked up at least one good fish every time I hit it. We got there and started throwing some drop-shots out and working them up the

edge onto the flat. Within a few minutes, Doug calls out "Fish!" and starts playing in a nice two pounder! I grab the net and as soon as it gets close, I take a stab at it with the net and immediately knock it off the hook. I couldn't do anything but stare in disbelief and apologize over and over. I was stewing pretty bad in the front of the boat, when within a couple of casts, Doug yells out "Fish!" again!

This time I managed to actually put the fish in the boat. Well, that was two fish in a few minutes, so I hit spot-lock and we started picking the spot apart. I caught the next one and then I set the hook on a fish that immediately started peeling drag. Doug grabbed the net and started following me around the boat as doubt started creeping in that I, in fact, have a bass. After landing what turned out to be the winning Goon Fish, so we had that going for us. I managed to hook up to our 3rd fish.

We ran around to some other spots and caught a few here and there but nothing that would help us. By 10:30 the sun had us ready for weigh-in. All in all, it was a good day, we made a few bucks, I made a new friend, and it was good to get back on the water with Mid-Week.

Thanks to Lyle D. from WWBS for the tank, needles and truck! Man, that was really nice to be able to use a tank rather than try and run fish down the ramp.

NEW MEMBERS

Lyle Danuser
Gilberto Munoz
Jake Domres

2023 Tournament Schedule

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| Jan 18 | Lake Pleasant |
| Feb 15 | Bartlett Lake |
| Mar 15 | Havasu |
| Apr 19 | Alamo |
| May 17 | Roosevelt Lake |
| Jun 21* | Bartlett (3 fish limit) |
| Jul 19** | Pleasant (3 fish limit) |
| Aug 16** | Saguaro (3 fish limit) |
| Sep 20 | Roosevelt |
| Oct 18 | Alamo |
| Nov 14-15 | Apache or Roosevelt |

* SL to 2pm.

**SL to 11am

**You told me
you had lots
of money
invested**

Yeah... in my
Fishing gear



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