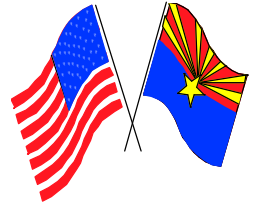


# MIDWEEK BASS ANGLERS OF ARIZONA INC

## Bass Bites

FISHING WEDNESDAYS - NOT WEEKENDS!



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### President's Perspective *By Gary Grimes*



The twelve boats that chose to brave Lake Martinez for the October Midweek Bass Anglers tournament survived without incident except for a few minor scratches on both person and boat. The twenty plus mile long fishery has jetties and docks where fish can hide, a weedy shoreline with lots of tulle cover, and vast, flooded flats filled with brush and shallows that contain a forest of tree branches and stumps filled with collections of fishermen's favorite lures. The fishing was challenging, as it always is on a new body of water, but I look forward to returning next year and using the information I gained on this trip to have an even better experience.

Many of our group dry camped within a couple of hundred yards of the launch.

As always, the camaraderie around the camp at the end of the day was good. Highlights of the camping experience include a neighboring camper who started moaning demonic-like incantations at 2230 hours (11:30 PM for you non-military types), raccoons looking for evening snacks in our boats, donkeys looking for love, poker play at the cantina, coin operated showers when you don't have any change, using a public bathroom at 5:00 AM and realizing there is no toilet paper, and being able to enter into deep conversations with fellow fishermen about their day's experiences. Priceless memories.

I wish to thank Debbie Lisk of Fisher's Landing Resort for being so welcoming of our club for this event.

Next month's tournament at

Apache Lake is the final tournament of 2013. We will be having a barbecue on Tuesday night, so come join us for another great time.

### Lake Martinez

October 16, 2013

*By Terry Tassin*

A fun filled day on Martinez! The weather was beautiful and only got warm in the last half of the event. Twelve boats filled with 24 fishermen anticipating a great day of catching (not just fishing) kicked off at 6:30 AM and what did we manage to come up with - a total of 39 bass. Yes quite a few fish were caught, but only the 39 managed to meet the 13 inch requirement for the Colorado River. I for one am looking



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

## Veterans Day November 11th 2013

**"We Practice Catch and Release"**

forward to our November tournament at Apache.

So, how did the winners catch their fish this month?"

### Team Gary Asmus & Mark Royal Listen to Music and Win 1st Place

Taking home **1st Place**, Team **Gary Asmus & Mark Royal** weighed the winning creel of five bass weighing 10.33 lbs. Mark added to their winnings by catching the **2nd Place Big Bass** which weighed 3.66 lbs.

**Mark Royal:** I had a great time fishing with Gary. We fished hard and moved around a lot. I'd like to tell you where we went, but with all the waterways in and out of the lakes I really have no idea how to describe the location of the

places we fished. I sat back and let Gary take us to fish.

We fished with frogs, spinnerbaits, chatterbaits, and drop shot with worms and reapers. At the end, with just about an hour left and only 3 fish in the well, it looked pretty dismal for the home crowd, but a spinnerbait bailed us out with our largest fish of the day. For me the stars seemed aligned - drew the club Martinez expert and then got our biggest fish just before the end of the day. The other smaller fish were caught on a reaper which seems to be the problem with that bait - it usually catches small fish; however, today the fish were big enough to earn us a check. I hope to draw Gary again; he is a super fisherman that kept feeding me tips - I certainly learned a lot.

could have caught 6 or 8 pounds more - including me - it's a great fishery and I hope we get our entire club to attend next year.

### Team Cormany & Ancona Visit a "Sand Bar" But Still Finish in 2nd Place

In **Second Place** the team of **Paul Cormany & Marty Ancona** weighed five bass for a total weight of 8.43 lbs.

**Paul Cormany:** I had the pleasure of fishing with Marty Ancona at Martinez this month. He's a great fisherman, an all around nice guy, and he listened to every one of my stories without rolling his eyes even once. I had never fished Martinez before, so I went down the Sunday before so I could at least find the launch ramp at Fishers Landing. It didn't take long to figure out the fishing was tough. I managed to find a backwater with 4 schools of fish, but I don't think any of them were over 2 pounds. I also found a channel off the main river with 5 or 6 fish that looked to be over 2 pounds. I was concerned someone might drive the narrow channel with their big motor and chase those fish out, so my game

**Next Meeting  
Next Tournament**

Our next club general meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, 6 November** 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 points tournament will be at **Lake Apache** on **20 November 2013**. Club launch headquarters and weigh-in location will be announced. Tournament hours are **Safe Light to 3 PM**.



**1st Place  
Mark Royal & Gary Asmus**

**Gary Asmus:** Just a note to add to what Mark wrote; we started in Martinez, fished some outside current as we left there. Went to Ferguson Lake and fished some inside current. Mark was great to fish with and he also liked most of the music I played. On the tournament as a whole I wished everybody



plan was to start in the backwater with the four schools. I also managed to run my boat up on a sand bar and spent over an hour pushing to try and get it off before a friendly bass fisherman stopped and pulled me free. Thank you stranger!

caught several short fish and I had one maybe keeper jump off. After three hours, we pretty much wore out our welcome in the backwater and started working our way to the channel. Long story short, we caught no additional fish. Marty had a spot he wanted to try and shortly after arriving, he caught a nice fatty on a spinnerbait. I tied on a spinnerbait as well and on the second pass down the same bank, I managed our 5th keeper of the day. We made a lot of casts and had very few fish in the boat to show for it. The tri-tip dinner was great on Tuesday evening and I enjoyed the opportunity to hang out with the club the night before for a change.

White Mountains. If I do make it, that means I have an elk in the cooler!

### Team Neil Burns & Larry White Sew-Up 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Team Neil Burns & Larry White weighed five bass for 7.37 pounds and took home Third Place honors.

**Neil Burns:** After missing the last few tournaments, I was excited to be going to Martinez. I had fished there in the past, but basically just the main lake itself. I was lucky to draw Larry White, great guy to fish with and he knew that river system very well from his days with the Federation.

We explored for two days, and had no trouble navigating the river and backwaters, although at first I was certain there were no entrances to some of the areas we went. I think once you get past the shock of driving in 2 ft of water at 50 mph everything's fine. We started the tournament in an



**2nd Place**  
**Marty Ancona & Paul Cormany**

Come tournament day, we ran to the backwater and managed 3 keepers on the dropshot. We

Congratulations to Gary and Mark on besting the field under extremely tough conditions. And congratulations to Sean for a double header win in the Hold Em games. I probably won't be seeing you all at Apache since I'll be chasing elk with a stick and string in the

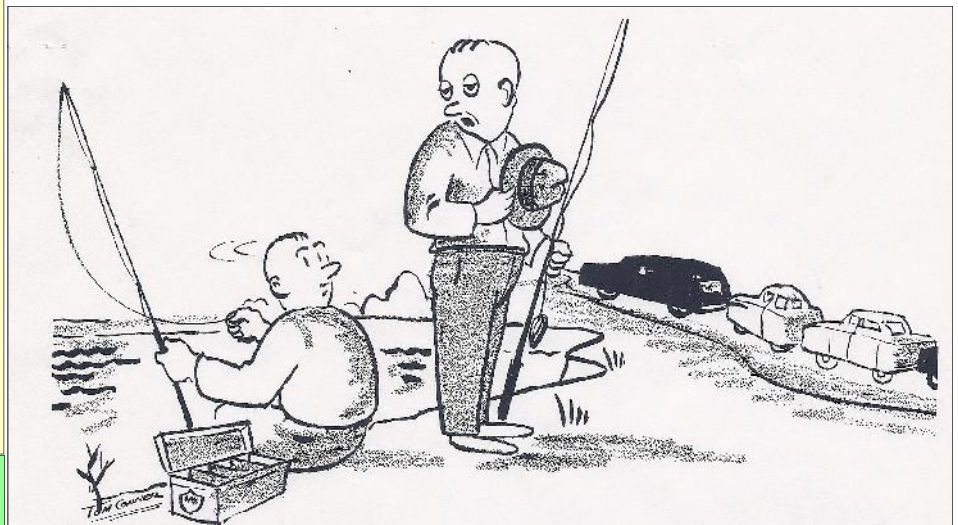
### NOTICE!

#### Changes to Club Bylaws & Tournament Rules for 2014

All previously proposed changes will be voted on at the 6 November meeting. All approved changes will become effective on January 1, 2014. A copy of the approved revised bylaws and tournament rules will be provided to all members by January 1st.

#### Membership

As of October 18, 2013 the Midweek Bass Anglers of Arizona consists of 83 active members.



**It's the least I can do...After all, we would have been married 25 years come April.**



area we had fished Monday, maybe 8 - 10 miles up-river, getting back in there was right out of an Indiana Jones movie; low overhanging canes right down on the deck, spiders, boat full of mud and cane husks. You really had to want to be in there to get in there! But low & behold, it finally opened up into a huge back water lake. We had a limit by 8:30, all on rattletraps and shallow crankbaits in silver & blue. We caught plenty of fish but they were all about the same size, 1 lb 6 oz, so we left to see if we could find some bigger fish but we were unsuccessful. In retrospect, maybe we should have stayed and heeded the old saying "Don't leave fish to go find fish". Anyway, I had a great time BS'ing with the guys and a good partner - thanks Larry! The bar & grill was very accommodating to us, and the buffet was excellent. Thanks to the board members' extra work in setting everything up for this tournament. It will only get better. Congrats to Gary & Mark for their 1<sup>st</sup> place finish!



**3rd Place**  
**Neil Burns & Larry White**

**Larry White:** Fishing really was a challenge. I had the

pleasure of fishing with Neil Burns! His sense of humor and fishing knowledge made him a joy to fish and camp with. We found a backwater I had fished in the spring and it was loaded with fish. Only problem - you had to catch ten to get one over. We caught a limit early and soon tired of little fish. So off we went to plan 2 and 3 looking for larger fish. Neil flipped our best fish and our last. I am looking forward to fishing Martinez again next year.

### **Jerry Askam & Ken Buvala Team Up On 2nd Place Big Bass**

**Jerry Askam & Ken Buvala:** At about 11:30 AM Ken and I decided to make the short run from Ferguson to Fence Lake and fish it before the likely big rush near the end of the tournament. That decision paid off with our big fish of 3.76 lbs. I hooked it up using a Spro Little John crankbait in chartreuse shad color. The fish was located in a textbook location on the shady side of one of the sheds along the East bank right next to a big stump. Unfortunately for us some of the fish in Martinez had read the textbook on how to throw a crankbait with a big jump and head shake as we lost 3 good fish in the first hour of the tournament.

Although it was fun catching the big fish, the best part of these "away" trips for me is sitting around at night shooting the "chit" with the guys. The club has a lot of good guys with funny stories. I particularly

liked Neal Burn's story of being launched off the back of I believe it was Jamie Shaw's boat while taking a leak. To quote Lew Hirlemann as we were sitting around Tuesday night "this is great".



**1st Place Big Fish**  
**Ken Buvala & Jerry Askam**

Congrats to Mark and Gary for their tournament win. We were just a short distance from them near the end of the tournament when we saw Mark hookup with the fish that put them over the top. Kudos to Jack for arranging the excellent dinner Tuesday night, it was great.

### **Club Officers Elected for 2014**

The **Board of Directors** is pleased to announce the election of the following members as Officers of the Midweek Bass Anglers of Arizona Inc for the year 2014:

President:	Gary Grimes
Vice Pres:	Lou Hirlemann
Secretary:	Terry Tassin
Treasurer:	John Reichard
Tmx Director:	Jack Hughes

## Dwayne Steel & Bob Jolley Crank Goon Fish For Prize

**Dwayne Steel & Bob Jolley:** Dwayne and I had a tough time keeping the bigger bass hooked during the tournament but none of the stripers got loose, which were many, and we ended up with the largest goon fish.



**Goon Fish  
3.67 lb Striper  
Bob Jolley & Dwayne Steel**

Dwayne had just caught our second keeper bass of the day when I spotted a shad boil and Dwayne threw his crank bait into the boil and caught a small striper and then I threw in and also caught a small one. A couple of minutes later the boil started again and the big striper hit my square bill crankbait and that's pretty much the end of the story - one big striper but not enough big bass in the boat.

Even though it was a tough day for us I really enjoyed fishing with Dwayne; we did win a few bucks and I look forward to fishing Martinez again next year. Kudos to the

board for arranging the great meal on Tuesday

### Tournament Statistics

Twenty-Four men fished 8.5 hours each, bringing 39 keeper bass to the scales for a total weight of 65.87 pounds with a 2.74 pound average total catch per fisherman. The average weight of each fish was 1.69 lbs. All fish were released back into the lake after weigh-in to fight again another day.



### Treasure Chest By John Milkint, Treasurer

With a weight of 10.33 pounds, Gary Asmus and Mark Royal combined 1st place and 2nd big fish into a winning pot of \$384.

Second place winnings of \$172 went to the team of Paul Cormany and Marty Ancona with a weight of 8.43 pounds.

Neal Burns and Larry White had 7.37 pounds giving them a 3rd place finish for a total of \$116.

First big fish weighing 3.76 pounds worth \$144 went to the team of Jerry Askam and Ken Buvala.

Dwayne Steel and Bob Jolley brought in a Striped Bass weighing 3.67 pounds qualifying them for the goon fish pot of \$120.

The total paid out this month was \$936 to 5 different teams.

Since no 5 pound bass was caught the rollover of that pot to our November Lake Apache

tournament is \$385.



### Weighing-In

By Jack Hughes  
Tmx Director

Well where did 2013 go? We are down to just one tournament to go for 2013. As far as 2013 goes I want to thank all of you that helped me by volunteering to help at each tournament. Mark Durben, Gary Martlage, Howard Thomas, Ricky Boehm, Jason Riddle and Lou Hirlemann who was always there to help me for whatever I needed without question. This club runs 100% on volunteers and I encourage all of you to consider what you can do besides just fishing to help make our club even better than it currently is.

Volunteers are needed. When the last fish has been weighed and everyone has looked at the white board for the last time there is still a lot of work that has to be done. A few things that have to be done after the last fish is weighed are breaking down the weigh-in equipment, packing it away, taking the equipment to vehicles, cleaning up the weigh in area just to mention a few things that have to be done. We need volunteers to help with this task, if you're interested in helping out please let me know.

Martinez was an excellent fishery. Everyone quickly learned that river fishing is not the same as lake fishing. In my opinion the tournament went very well and for the people

experiencing river fishing for the first time it was a real learning experience. I fished with Ernie Arvizu and had a great time with Ernie as always and it was good to have him back from California and fishing with the club again. The fishing was a little slow for us after three storm fronts had moved through. Everyone we talked to said the fishing had been on fire the previous seven weeks. We had zero incidents on the water and every team weighed in fish. Finally, I did not talk to one member who fished who was not looking forward to returning to Martinez next year.

As with every tournament there are always stories to be told so for you members who were not there here is one of them. This one involves our club President who fished with John Milkint. John was recording the official results when Gary came to weigh-in and John being so efficient had already written down five fish, five alive for his team. When Gary announced four fish, four alive, John quickly corrected him that they had five fish and Gary looked at him and shyly said "One jumped overboard when I was taking them out of the live well", John broke out in a big laugh saying "Gary you lost one of our fish and just kept laughing".

There are some new rules to contend with for obtaining permits and lake restrictions. Mesa District of TNF (Tonto National Forest) has adopted a new rule of only one bass club per day on each lake no matter how many boats are fishing under the maximum allowed.

The remainder of TNF is adopting the same rule I was told. Apache Lake now has a maximum of 35 boats per day that will be allowed to launch from Burnt Coral. One of the reasons for the new rules is with Saguaro fishing so well there has been an almost 200% increase in requests for permits including several clubs from California wanting to fish Saguaro. AZG&F and TNF are trying to keep Saguaro at the top by managing how many clubs fish it before it is fished out.

Also hopefully by the end of January there should be a plan in place from AZG&F on how they are going to attack the Gizzard Shad problem at Roosevelt and Apache now that the gizzard Shad has been confirmed in Apache.

We are looking for a big turnout at Apache for the final tournament of the year and our last cookout for 2013. See you there!



**Bits & Pieces**  
*By Terry Tassin*

### **As we Age.**

- \* Life is a gift to you.
- \* The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.
- \* Live it well! Enjoy today! Do something fun! Be happy! Have a great day!
- \* Remember, "It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver".
- \* Live happy in 2014!

\* Lastly, consider the following: Today is the oldest you've ever been.....yet the youngest you'll ever be. So – enjoy this day while it lasts.

\* Your kids are becoming you...but your grandchildren are perfect!

\* Going out is good...Coming home is better!

\* You forget names...But it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you!

\* You realize you're never going to be really good at anything...Especially golf and fishing.

\* The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.

\* You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep". (I love this!)

\* You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch.

\* You tend to use more 4 letter words..."what?"..."when?"...???

\* What used to be freckles are now liver spots.

\* Everybody whispers.

\* You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet....2 of which you will never wear again.

\* But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!





# Photo Scrapbook Lake Martinez October 16, 2013





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Midweek Bass Anglers  
Since the Last Newsletter**

**Tom Savage (NB)**

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**Midweek Bass Anglers 2013  
Tournament Schedule**

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

**Best Wishes and Happy Birthday**

**Born in November**

**George Cobasky**

**Steve Cook**

**Mike Edgar**

