



MIDWEEK BASS ANGLERS OF ARIZONA INC

Bass Bites

FISHING WEDNESDAYS - NOT WEEKENDS!



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President's Perspective

By Gary Grimes

The Midweek Bass Anglers had a field of 32 boats at our October tournament at Roosevelt Lake, and were able to finally fish until 3PM with the onset of cooler weather, or rather the final departure of the oppressive summertime heat. What a long, hot summer we had this year. Almost all teams caught limits of fish, but most had difficulty culling out the 1.7 lb. bass that seemed to be the only ones to bite. Congratulations to Randy Gray and David Convery on the win with a solid sack of 14.34 lbs., along with a 5.5 lb kicker fish. This tournament also narrowed the distance for those with a chance at Angler of the Year (AOY), so November will likely decide the winner. Good luck to those in contention.

Welcome to all the recent new members. It has certainly been an odd year with all the closures due to Covid19; we haven't had a club meeting since March. The restaurant we used to meet at has closed and it's anyone's guess as to when we can meet again. So, we cannot hear the usual back-story about our new members as we normally do at the meetings, we can only meet them at the lake. Hopefully you new guys are enjoying the time on the water with us. The restrictions with Covid continue, causing us not to have a barbeque at Alamo Lake, as is our normal custom. Hopefully 2021 returns us to normalcy.

Midweek received a \$1000 grant from the Friends of Reservoirs, money that will be used by AZGFD to purchase hardware for the installation of Christmas trees at Saguaro Lake sometime after Christmas. We continue to forward your monthly \$5 donation to the AZGFD for

use in improving the bass populations in our desert lakes. They are most appreciative of our efforts. Thanks to those who helped out at the weigh-in: Tom Alauria, Tom Savage, Greg Utton, Sean Ballard, John Hilland, Howard Thomas and Gary Martlage. You guys are professional, accurate, and friendly and we are most appreciative. Our November tournament marks our final points tournament of the year. We will be fishing Alamo Lake. Hopefully the weather cooperates with us this year, as it seems the last two tournaments have been marked by wind and rain. Good luck and hope to see you all on the water. The club has reserved the Group Use area by the Cholla Ramp, \$15 per night for camping, available Sunday through Wednesday. See you on the water.



Tournament Reports Lake Roosevelt October 21, 2020

**Team Randy Gray & David
Convery Catch 5.50 Iber Win
1st Place Team and
1st Place Big Fish**

NOVEMBER 11TH VETERANS DAY



**CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE - WATCH FOR EMAILS**

Monthly Breakfast Meeting
Deer Valley Airport Restaurant
702 W. Deer Valley Rd
Phoenix, AZ
1st Wednesday of Each

“We Practice Catch and Release”



1st Place Randy Gray & David Convery

Taking home **1st Place**, Team **Randy Gray & David Convery** brought to the scales the winning creel of five bass weighing 14.34 lbs. Thanks to Randy's 5.50 lb bass the team also won **1st Place Big Bass** honors and the **5 lb Pot**.

Randy Gray: First all about the Midweek board and weigh-in crew; one word - Professional.

OK, I had a plan for this tournament. To win I felt I needed something special, something different than everyone else was up to. So think deep - where do good fish go during the day to rest - deep. I had two spots with good structure picked out. The first spot only held one "so so" fish. The second, there you go for two more dinks. Yep, my plan is on track! Then we looked for some main lake schooling fish; yes we were desperate but we needed a limit and what did we get - none.

Well now the back up plan, who would have thought to check the river? Me. So I have one spot in the Salt end and we went for it. As I pull up guess who beat me to it - Savage and Vaughan right on my tree. So I pull down the line and watch them lift fish into the boat (my fish). So we keep our distance and cry. Well in that group

Next Meeting - Next Tournament

Our next club meeting for 2020 scheduled for **Wednesday, 4 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) [has been cancelled](#) due to the Corona Virus situation. Pairings will be announced by email when completed.

The next club points tournament is scheduled for **Lake Alamo** on **18 November 2020**. Club launch headquarters and weigh-in location will be announced. Tournament hours are **Safe Light to 3 PM**.

of trees the bite dies and Tom and Floyd move on and then it's our turn (but not those same trees, those guys cleaned them out). My partner David Convery sticks a good 3 plus pounder. A while later I get one in a tree that we almost break off thinking I had lost it and only had the tree when I saw the huge green flash - GET THE NET and the 5.5 lber is in the boat. Ten minutes later I get a 2 plus and a few more that do not help and it was done for the day. In a half hour to 45 minutes and we went from go home to get big. Don't hope for luck, depend on it. David Convery and I extend a big good work to Tom Savage and Floyd Vaughan for their 2nd place finish and Floyd's 4.35 lb bass.

David Convery: I was blessed to fish along side Randy, a Tonto Basin resident and fishing authority on Roosevelt. Prefishing was tuff! Not many fish, but we did eliminate some areas and formed a plan. We executed the plan the next morning and had very little to show for it by noon. So Randy moved us up to the Salt River end of the lake and that's where we struck GOLD! An hour later we had our limit and culled a few by Texas rigged fishing in the trees. My compliments to my partner's fishing prowess, experience, and hospitality. I had a great time, and learned a lot.

Tom Savage & Floyd Vaughan Enjoy Weather And 2nd Overall Finish

In **2nd Place** Team **Tom Savage & Floyd Vaughan** weighed five bass for a total weight of 13.19 lbs. Floyd's 4.35 lb bass earned the team **2nd Place Big Bass** honors.

Tom Savage: This is always one of my favorite tournaments. The weather is usually just right for camping, and it was. I got to hang out with my friends and eat great food, thanks to Jack Hughes and Gene Turner. Thanks guys. Congratulations to Randy and David, it was good fishing with you most of the day, just wish we hadn't left that sweet spot. Lesson learned, "never leave fish to



2nd Place Tom Savage & Floyd Vaughan

find fish.” Floyd and I prefished on Sunday and found a bite pitching in the stick-ups in the Pinto Creek area and decided to start there on Wednesday. I fished by myself on Monday and wasn't able to find anything better. On Tuesday I had the pleasure of fishing with our newest member Don Worcester. I had a great time fishing with Don and he is a great addition to the club. I also want to say congratulations to Lester and Don for finishing in the money. On Wednesday Floyd and I went to the Pinto Creek spot and soon had a limit, and then Floyd put on a pitching clinic and put some nice fish in the boat including a 4.35 pounder which turned out to be good for 2nd Place Big Bass. Floyd is a great angler and a lot of fun.

Floyd Vaughan: First of all, congratulations to Randy Gray and David Convery for their First Place finish and their big fish. Our day started with the usual morning greetings and pleasantries, and then it was off to business. We started up in the Salt River near Pinto Creek on a flat. We soon caught three to four keepers fishing Carolina rigs and flipping bushes in 10-12 feet of water. Then we caught our two bigger fish back to back; were we really happy! All of our fish came from the same area. Tom Savage was very pleasant to fish with and demonstrated lots of patience and cheer (a must when dealing with me). Thank you, Tom. We also got a bit of help the night before by watching an instructional video on YouTube about the mating rituals of the African Elephant...go figure,

Team Rick Knight & Rick Brown Flip Trees For 3rd Place Finish

Team **Rick Knight & Rick Brown** weighed five bass for 12.20 pounds and took home **Third Place** honors.

Rick Brown: Congrats to the winning team of Gray and Convery. Thanks to the Midweek crew for all your extra time and efforts to ensure a fun and well run tournament.

I had the pleasure of being paired with Rick Knight. What a great guy! Not only did he bring his boat but he also brought his trailer and offered me a place to sleep. On tournament day we headed to the Salt end of the lake for a day of flipping the trees. Knight caught our first fish after about 10 minutes. It didn't take long and we soon had a limit, but nothing over 2 lbs. We continued to catch fish most of the day and upgraded until we had all 5 fish right around the 2.25 lbs range. We kept at it all day; I don't think we ever took a break. Finally, at about 2:30 I caught a nice kicker at 3.72 lbs. We spent all day in the Salt end of the lake primarily flipping crawdad type baits in the trees and brush, and occasionally catching bass right tight to the bank. Rick Knight is a great guy and

Membership

As of October 23, 2020 the Midweek Bass Anglers of Arizona consists of **129** dues paid active members.



3rd Place Rick Knight & Rick Brown

great fisherman; I hope to do it again real soon.

Rick Knight: The “2” Ricks started our day up the river in the Salt end and stayed up there all day. Rick is a fantastic angler. We had a good time throwing creature baits all day and caught a lot of fish. Anyone that knows me would know I was throwing a chigger craw ha-ha. Around 1 PM the bite slowed down and we had to work harder to catch fish. Rick landed the biggest of our bunch about 30 minutes before the end of the tournament. It was a great day when you can have a lot of fun fishing. I want to thank Rick Brown for such a great time.

Team Gary Senft & Joe Michels Flip Tonto To 4th Place Finish

Taking home **4th Place**, Team **Gary Senft & Joe Michels** weighed five fish for a total weight of 11.23 lbs.

Gary Senft: Congratulations to Randy and David for finding the big fish. It was a lot of fun catching that many fish on baby brush hogs and Texas rig worms. Covering a lot of water and flipping our baits into every tree we could find was the secret for us. We ran down to the Tonto end of the lake to start our day. There are a million trees to flip in and we tried to fish every one of them. Joe Michels, it was a lot of fun fishing with you.



4th Place Joe Michels & Gary Senft



5th Place Steve Grier & David Sapyta

Steve Grier & David Sapyta Flip Trees And Bushes To Finish 5th

A five fish bag weighing 11.05 lbs was enough to earn Team **Grier & Sapyta** the **5th Place** money.

Steve Grier: Congratulations to Randy & David on a great bag and the 5 lb pot, job well done. I fished with Dave Sapyta for the first time and we had a great outing. Dave is a lot of fun and a good fisherman. We practiced on Monday and Tuesday in the Salt River, and on main lake points in the Salt and Tonto. We also looked in the backs of coves to see if fish had moved in. When we got done the only area we had any bites and felt good about fishing in the tournament was in the river; so that's where we headed first thing in the morning.

We spent the day flipping brush and trees from 3 feet to 10 feet deep up and down the river. We caught two good fish 3.7 and 3.5 lbs but couldn't fill out our limit with anything but small fish. We caught all our fish on black/blue fleck Senkos and green pumpkin chigger craws. A big shout out to Dave who had never flipped before we started Monday morning but was determined to learn. By Wednesday he was pretty good at it and caught several fish flipping. Thanks to the weigh-in crew for another job well done and another well run tournament.

Team Luke Spreitzer & Doug Moore Use Green Pumpkin Color And Finish In 6th Place

Tournament Statistics

Sixty-four contestants fished 9 hours each, bringing 156 bass to the scales for a total weight of 276.29 pounds with a 4.31 pound average total catch per fisherman. The average weight of each fish was 1.77 lbs. All fish but one were released back into the lake after weigh-in to fight again another day.



6th Place Doug Moore & Luke Spreitzer

Team **Spreitzer & Moore** weighed five bass for 10.65 pounds and took home **6th Place** honors.

Doug Moore: I had the pleasure of fishing with Luke Spreitzer - great guy and an excellent fisherman. We started out toward the river fishing the trees with jigs and topwater lures. It was slow as we picked up five small fish in the first couple of hours (our number of fish caught was higher than our weight). We moved upriver and started upgrading with jigs and flick/shake set-ups. Green pumpkin seemed to be the best choice in colors. We ended up finding a bank that kept producing fish so we stayed on it and had some fun. Thanks as always to all the folks who get these tournaments done. See you next month.

Team Lester Rapp & Don Worcester Work Soft Baits To Finish 7th Overall

In **7th Place** Team **Rapp & Worcester** - Don fishing his first club event - weighed five bass for a total weight of 9.50 lbs.



7th Place Lester Rapp & Don Worcester

Lester Rapp: First of all congratulations to those who won the tournament. Don Worcester and I went back to that place where I won the tournament last month. We caught all the fish on Strike King Rage Tail Craw Soft Bait black and blue in color. We fished that place for 6 hours and we caught a lot of fish which were all the same size – small. We were trying to catch some bigger ones but they were all the same size; no five or ten pounders. I wish you all the best of luck next time at Alamo. Thank you all.

Don Worcester: I just wanted to say what a great tournament it was and what a great bunch of guys. I wanted to thank Gary for setting me up with Tom Savage to pre-fish and for making things a lot easier for my first tournament. I also want to say what a great partner Lester Rapp was; it was like fun fishing with your friend. I had a really great time. I threw a small tube lure, and a Whopper Plopper, but I caught my keepers on a Senko. I think I made the right choice in joining this club and I am looking forward to the next tournament.

Bill Briggs & Bob Jolley Drop Shot To 8th Overall

In **8th Place** Team Briggs & Jolley weighed five bass for a total weight of 9.33 lbs.

Bob Jolley: Bill Briggs and I pre-fished on Tuesday and caught lots and lots of fish and we estimated our five largest at around 12 lbs. On tournament day we again caught lots of fish but not as big as we experienced on Tuesday. Both days we fished primarily in the Windy Hill area where we caught most of our keeper fish on drop shot worms (5150 worms worked best for me), top water, Hula Grub jigs, Texas rigged worms and Baby Brush Hogs in depths of 6 to 30 feet.

Bill Briggs is an experienced angler who is relatively new to the club and a boater you will want to be paired with. Out of the four tournaments he has fished with our club he has been in the money twice including a first place win at Lake Pleasant. Bill was very accommodating which made it easy for me as a co-angler.



8th Place Bob Jolley & Bill Briggs

It was another successful MBA tournament with great weather, great fishing and great fun fishing with Bill.

Tom Alauria & Doug Cripe Win Goon Fish Prize

Thanks to **Tom Alauria's** 7.69 lb Catfish, Team Alauria & Cripe took home the Goon Fish prize of \$100.

Tom Alauria: Congratulations Randy and David. Well done. What can I say about catching the 7.69 lb catfish (Goon Fish)? We had our bass limit fairly early and we hunted for bigger fish the rest of the day. At 2:30 Doug Cripe and I decided to stop at the island near the No Wake buoys. That is where I caught my catfish on a drop shot. I really enjoyed fishing with Doug. This man has skills. I hope we get drawn again soon.



Goon Fish Prize - Tom Alauria & Doug Cripe



Weighing-In By Gary Martlage

As we are winding down for the year 2020, it looks like a few anglers are in place to take the AOY award. By no means is this a mediocre reward, as we do have a lot of great fishermen in the club. It is difficult to win a tourney, let alone win enough points to take the honors of "Top Dawg" for the season. Good luck to all of you.

The Roosevelt tournament went off without a hitch (EXCEPT) there was a report of a few boats not obeying the no wake area. Guys, this is why the start boat needs to be well inside the no wake buoys. We will be watching next tournament and if you want your name published in next month's column (and possible DQ), go ahead and do it!

Alamo Lake Group Use "A" area will be open to primitive camping, if you have not already reserved your spot. Come on over for some BS around the campfire – the first liar never stands a chance - and possibly some poker on Tuesday night. Because of the Covid virus, we will not be hosting a club dining event, but I'm sure the libations will be available in the area. Get your online entries in soon and I will see you all at ALAMO next month.

The Cynical Philosopher

I read that 4,153,237 people got married last year, not to cause any trouble, but shouldn't that be an even number?

Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.

I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my grandfather. Not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.

I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.

When wearing a bikini, women reveal 90% of their body. Men are so polite; they only look at the covered parts.

A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight, live longer, than the men who mention it.

Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?

America is a country which produces citizens who will cross the ocean to fight for democracy but won't cross the street to vote.

You know that tingly little feeling you get when you like someone? That's your common sense leaving your body.

Did you know that dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish?

My therapist says I have a preoccupation with vengeance. We'll see about that.

I think my neighbor is stalking me as she's been googling my name on her computer. I saw it through my telescope last night.

Money talks but all mine ever says is 'good-bye'.

You're not fat, you're just easier to see.

If you think nobody cares whether you're alive, try missing a couple of payments.

I always wondered what the job application is like at Hooters. Do they just give you a bra and say, "Here, fill this out?"

I can't understand why women are okay that JC Penney has an older women's clothing line named, "Sag Harbor".

My therapist said that my narcissism causes me to misread social situations. I'm pretty sure she was hitting on me.

My 60 year kindergarten reunion is coming up soon and I'm worried about the 175 pounds I've gained since then.

Remember these?

For those who never saw the Burma Shave signs, here is a quick lesson in our history of the 1930s and '40s. Before the Interstates, when everyone drove the old two lane roads, *Burma Shave* signs would be posted all over the countryside in farmer's fields. They were small red signs with white letters. Five signs, about 100 feet apart, each containing 1 line of a 4 line couplet and the obligatory 5th sign advertising Burma Shave, a popular shaving cream. Here are some of the actual signs - read from the bottom up:

Burma Shave

HEMISPHERE!

**LED TO A
WARMER**

**OF PAUL FOR
BEER**

**THE MIDNIGHT
RIDE**

Sound Off

Let us hear from you. The newsletter is your vehicle for communicating and sharing with other club members.

Many of you have things to say, opinions to share.

Contact the Editor who would be delighted to hear from you.

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Midweek Bass Anglers
Since the Last Newsletter**

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**Midweek Bass Anglers 2020
Tournament Schedule**

15 January	Bartlett
19 February	Martinez
18 March	Alamo
22 April Canx	Roosevelt
20 May	Bartlett
17 June	Bartlett
15 July	Pleasant
19 August	Pleasant
16 September	Roosevelt
21 October	Roosevelt
18 November	Alamo