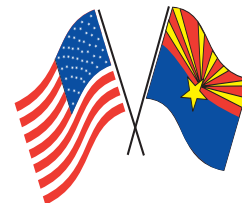


MIDWEEK BASS ANGLERS OF ARIZONA INC

Bass Bites

FISHING WEDNESDAYS - NOT WEEKENDS!



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President's Perspective *By Gary Grimes*

Gary Martlage and I are on vacation fishing in Mexico and we will be back this week.



Tournament Reports Lake Roosevelt November 15-16, 2022

The tournament started off each day of this day and a half event at 6:30 AM with boats heading up river, down river and all points in between! The tournament weather was great with water temps around 63 degrees in most of the lake and the fish caught were well distributed around the lake.

All teams weighed fish and all fish were released back into the lake to live and fight again another day.

Team Manny Madrid & Don Worcester "Cut the Grass" And Won 1st Place

Taking home **1st Place Overall**, **Team Madrid & Worcester** brought to the scales the winning creel of ten bass weighing 19.78 lbs.

Manny Madrid and Don Worcester: First I would like to thank all of the staff of Midweek Bass Anglers. This was my first year with you guys and I look forward to many more.

On Monday, I met Don at the ramp around daylight. I had only fished Roosevelt one time this fall and that was in September. Our first priority was to find the birds in the creeks. That morning we drove for the first hour just looking. Once we had a pretty good handle on where the birds were we pulled into a cove that I have done very well in the past. I made a couple of casts and boom two better fish. So, we left

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MIDWEEK BASS HALL OF FAME
2022 Tournament Season Winners!
Angler of the Year - Phil Brewer
1st Place Boater of the Year - - - - - Steve Grier
2nd Place Boater of the Year - - - - - Bryan Colby
3rd Place Boater of the Year - - - - - Lance Kuhler
1st Place Co-Angler of the Year - - John Schramer
2nd Place Co-Angler of the Year - - - - - Ray Riley
3rd Place Co-Angler of the Year - - Jeffrey Stone
Lunker of the Year (8.22 lbs)- Andrew Goettl
September 2022 - Lake Roosevelt



"We Practice Catch and Release"

that area and graphed around and we were able to find deeper grass lines. We turned around on the grass line and made some casts up the line. We were able to hook another good fish. The rest of our pre-fish was just running around trying to duplicate that.

On the first morning of the tournament, we ran right to the cove we had success during our pre-fish. I was throwing a Green Pumpkin chatterbait with a trailer that I make at home. A few casts and we had a 2.5-pound fish in the boat. We worked the back of the cove with not much more luck. So, we started out and worked the grass line with the same baits. About halfway up the line, I was able to land our 4 pounder of the day. We made our way out of the cove and moved to the back of another cove. We were able to see the grass in the back of this cove and Don and I worked chatterbaits around the grass. We were able to finish off our limit in that cut. We made several moves trying to locate bigger fish with no luck. Don was able to cull one of our smaller fish out off of a point throwing a Drop Shot. After about 10:00 or so fishing really slowed down for us.

On day two we had a pretty rough start and didn't have our first fish in the boat till around 9 in the morning. We were still throwing reaction lures so around 10:00 we abandoned the reaction bite and pulled a Drop Shot out knowing that if we could just put a limit in the boat we had a chance to win and that's exactly

Next Meeting - Next Tournament

Our next club general meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, 7 December** starting at 8:00 AM, at **Denny's Restaurant, 2525 W. Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, AZ**. We hope you will come early (6:30 to 8 AM) and have breakfast together as we get closer and closer to Christmas.

The next club points tournament will be at **Lake Pleasant on 18 January 2023**. Club launch headquarters and weigh-in location will be announced. Tournament hours are **Safe Light to 3 PM**.

what we did. We worked a few areas across from Windy Hill and we were able to finish out our limit with about 30 minutes to spare.



1st Place Manny Madrid & Don Worcester

Team Kuhler & Sapyta Fish Coves For 2nd Place Overall

In **2nd Place**, Team **Lance Kuhler & David Sapyta** weighed five bass for a total weight of 17.52 lbs.

Lance Kuhler and Dave Sapyta: As always, thanks to the Club Members that work so hard to make these tournaments so much fun. Congrats to Manny and Don; they deserved to win. This was the first time I have fished with Dave. I hope I get to do it again soon. He was the perfect partner and we had a blast. I had fished the Saturday prior to the tournament and knew Tuesday and Wednesday were going to be tough. We only caught small crankbait fish in the back of a cove.

We launched 4th and ran to the cove only to see another boat square in the middle of it. It was Manny and Don. We hung out on a point within sight of them and fished just about everything with a couple of bites that yielded no fish. When Manny and Don left, we moved to the back of the cove and caught 3 fish. One was about 2 pounds; the other small ones were embarrassing. Dave had one of our best fish almost to the boat when it ran him into a

2nd Place Lance Kuhler & David Sapyta



stickup. All on crankbaits. We could not duplicate this bite anywhere else on the lake. We fished the main lake deep with spoons, dropshot, A-rigs, C-rigs, jigs and anything else we could tie on. No bites. We had to go back to our original spot and we caught one more crankbait fish in the back of the cove. We moved slowly out to the main lake point with no bites until we got a good fish on the Carolina Rig with a Chigger Craw. A limit of small fish at just over 7 pounds, I actually felt we had a chance to win. So did Dave.

On Wednesday we launched ahead of Manny and per our agreement, I got to my spot first. We caught 5 crankbait fish before the sun came up. One was 3lbs. We were free to explore the C-rig bite. We moved out toward the main lake and caught a good fish on the C-rig. Dave fished a drop shot and caught another great fish. We probably had 8 Lbs. We caught several more and upgraded to a little over 10 Lbs. Unfortunately, we needed to cull one more time and couldn't do it. We had the bites but couldn't get the sets. All-in-all it was a great tournament with a great partner.

Team Brian Presmyk & Bob Cooley Win 3rd Place Overall

Taking home **3rd Place Overall**, **Team Presmyk & Cooley** brought to the scales a creel of ten bass weighing 17.26 lbs. Thanks to Brian's 4.62 lb. bass the team also took home the **2nd Place Big Bass** honors.

Brian Presmyk: Well, after pre fishing for an hour on Monday, I knew exactly where not to fish. I had a small game plan for Tuesday morning and it allowed Bob Cooley and I to catch our first 5 fish and were able to cull a few. Our first stop was a bust, so we decided to head elsewhere. I went to a spot that I fished in our last tournament. Bob and I were fishing shallow and I was throwing a dropshot. We were able to pick up 3 fish throwing soft plastics in 20 feet or less. On our 3rd stop we were able to catch 2 more bass to fill our limit. We hit two more spots and Bob caught a couple of crankbait fish. The rest of the day pretty much shut off for us.

Day 2, I was a little concerned after Tuesday's performance. I let Bob know what I was thinking about doing and he quickly agreed. It was a live or die decision, but it paid off for us. We were able to catch our limit, but it was a grind. We caught all our fish on soft plastics and I did catch one on a fluke. The big fish was caught on a dropshot in 8 feet of water. Backs of coves is where the majority of our fish came from. There was a little bit of grass and we found an isolated rock that produced a few.

I had a great 2 days fishing with Bob and hopefully I get to do it again next season. Thanks to everyone that makes this club fun to fish.

Bob Cooley: Our last points tournament of the season was a tough one. Great job Manny and Don on the win. Brian Presmyk and

Tournament Statistics

(Five fish limit) Forty-six contestants fished 14 hours each, bringing 176 bass to the scales for a total weight of 253.55 pounds with a 5.46 pound average total catch per fisherman. The average weight of each fish was 1.43 lbs. All fish were released alive back into the lake after weigh-in to fight again another day.

3rd Place Brian Presmyk & Bob Cooley



I met up Tuesday morning with not having pre-fished together. Game plan, throw it all until something works!

First spot was a bust so we headed up to the Tonto end. We caught 10 fish on day one on dropshot, Texas rigs and crankbaits. Day two we went to a spot where we caught 3 fish the day before. We only had 5 bites, we fished clean and the last bite for the day was Brian's big fish which weighed 4.62lbs. I had a great time with Brian and hope we get paired again soon. Also, good job by the weigh-in crew.

**Team Vern Ridgway & John Schramer
Work Points Take 4th Place**

Taking home **4th Place**, Team **Ridgway & Schramer** weighed ten fish for a total weight of 17.21 pounds.

Vern Ridgway: Hooked up with John Schramer for the final Derby of the year; we enjoyed a day of practice and two days of the tourney. The fishing was tough and we had to grind them out. We threw cranks, worms, and



4th Place John Schramer & Vern Ridgway

jigs to get the limit each day and we were able to cull twice each day.

The fish were in the 10 to 25 feet zone with no consistency. We fished Bull Point, and some nooks and crannies to include the flats toward the Salt end. John was a good stick and did his part to put fish in the bucket for us. Another fine job by the weigh crew and the new officers acted like they all knew their jobs already and performed them well.

Looking forward to our Lake Bartlett Grudge Adventure next month.

**Gary Senft & David Convery
Work Points And Islands To Win
5th Place**

Taking home **5th Place**, Team **Senft & Convery** weighed ten fish for a total weight of 15.68 pounds.

Gary Senft: First, congratulations to Manny and Don on their win on a very hard tournament. I started my pre-fishing on Sunday in very tough conditions. Each day I went out I started with big reaction baits, jigs, crank baits, spinnerbaits, top water, but found out they only wanted drop shot with only 10 to 15 bass a day in the boat. David Convery and I decided to stay on the Salt side of the lake for Tuesday and Wednesday. This is how we figured out how to catch 34 bass on tournament days. First you need a very good sensitive rod to feel the bite or feel when the fish just was holding the bait in

5th Place - Gary Senft & David Convery



their mouth. You also had to have a short leader 8 inches between the weight and hook. We used Morning Dawn 4 inch and bloodline 4" or 6" with chartreuse on the tails of the worms. All the fish we caught were in 12 to 25 feet of water. We fished on points and islands mostly. If you are a new club member or fisherman and want to learn more about this sensitive way of fishing you call me when I am not guiding on the lakes. I had a lot of fun fishing with David Convery this tournament.

Team Don Blume & Eliseo Flores Work Schooling Fish Take 6th Place

Team **Blume & Flores** weighed ten bass for 14.62 pounds and took home **6th Place** honors.

Don Blume & Eliseo Flores:
Congratulations to team Madrid and Worcester on your big win! Thanks to the Board and the weigh-in crew, you guys do a great job and run a great club. Since joining in 2020 I really enjoy fishing with the club and meeting everyone.

I had the pleasure to fish with and get to

know Eliseo Flores. We prefished on Monday and would have had 14lbs if we were able to get our best five fish in the boat. We mainly fished the Tonto end of the lake. Square Bill cranks got us 2-3 fish early morning and then we finished off our five in the box by 9:00 drop shotting points in about 17-21 feet.

Every day was a grudge match to maintain our 7lb average. Both days of the tournament we started on the Tonto end of the lake and got 2-3 fish early on Square Bill crank and around 9:00 we started fishing points in 17-21 feet using dropshot worms and spoons to get the rest of our fish. Tuesday, we caught approximately 25 fish, unfortunately most of them were 1.14 clones.

Wednesday, we followed the same pattern and again got our five fish by 9:00. Eliseo got our big fish on a spinnerbait near the Indian Point boat ramp. We lost a couple of good ones on the spoon but finished up strong when we came across some shad pushed into a pocket across from Windy Hill. The bass started schooling and an A-rig was successful to let us

6th Place Blume & Flores



cull a few fish.

Overall, it was a very tough bite with the fishing always moving and really no pattern to find.

Joe Beaty & Todd Gentner Catch Second Biggest Bass

Todd Gentner: Good to see all the “old” faces and a bunch of new ones. I had a great time with good weather and a great partner at this tournament. Not a lot to say here for 2nd Place Big Bass – 4.30lbs, but we (Joe Beaty and I) caught her in about 20 feet on a jig. Fishing was slow for us but congratulations to all that caught fish at the tournament.

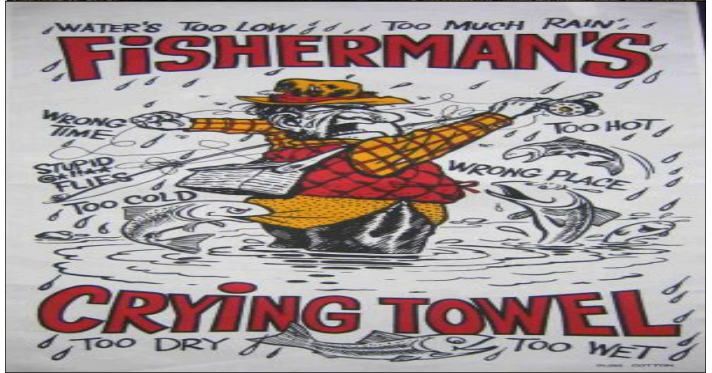
2nd Place Big Fish-Joe Beaty & Todd Gentner



Neil Burns & Ray Riley Catch Catfish Win Goon Fish Honors

No report available, just the photo.

Goon Fish Ray Riley & Neil Burns



Club Officers Elected for 2023

The 2022 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 2023:

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| President: | Floyd Vaughan |
| Vice Pres: | Bob Cooley |
| Secretary: | Dale Bayless |
| Treasurer: | Don Worcester |
| Tmt Director | Steve Grier |

Photo Scrapbook - Lake Roosevelt- November 15-16, 2022



AWARDS BANQUET

Speaking of the awards banquet, below is just a reminder to make your reservations soon and no later than 9AM 4 January 2023. On 4 January we must tell the restaurant how many meals they need to prepare for the dinner. I am placing the information flyer concerning the dinner elsewhere in this issue of **Bass Bites** just in case you “misplaced” the previous flyer that was sent out.

Don't forget – the **15th Annual Midweek Bass Anglers of Arizona Recognition Dinner** will be held Thursday, January 12, 2023 at the Iron Oaks at Sun Lakes, 24218 South Oakwood Boulevard, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248. Social Hour begins at 6 PM with dinner at 7 PM. Cost is \$35 per non-member and \$20 per 2022 club member. Advance reservations are required so do not wait – get your reservation form with your check to the club Secretary no later than 9AM 4 January 2023.

As usual, at the dinner, the club will be holding a **HUGE** raffle of lots of fishing items plus some non-fishing related items. This is just a reminder for those of you planning on taking part in the club awards dinner raffle; Raffle Master **Jim Duel** won't have much in the way of small bills to make change. So please - no \$100 dollar bills for \$5 worth of tickets. The price of tickets this year is still \$5 per ticket. So, that being the case, \$20 gets 4 tickets, \$50 buys 10 tickets, and so on. A special raffle for the ladies will also take place using the one **free** ticket each lady will get with their name tag when checking in to the party. And as Jim says, “Let's all have a GREAT time.”



What: **15th Annual Midweek Bass Anglers of Arizona
Recognition Dinner**

Who: Members of Midweek Bass Anglers and their Guests

When: Thursday, January 12, 2023; Social Hour at 6:00 PM with dinner at 7:00 PM

Where: ***Iron Oaks at Sun Lakes***
24218 South Oakwood Boulevard
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248
Phone: 480-895-7275 or 480-895-7275

Cost: \$35.00 per Guest - - Club Members \$20. (*Club pays tax and gratuity*)

Menu: **CATERED BUFFET**

- * Traditional Garden Salad *
- * Ranch & Champagne Vinaigrette *
- * Fire Roasted Rosemary Chicken *
- * Smoked Brisket *
- * White Cheddar Mac & Cheese *
- * Roasted Red Potatoes, Butter, Herbs *
- * Seasonal Vegetables *

Included Rolls & Butter, Coffee & Iced Tea Service and Chef's Choice Dessert

Cash Bar for Alcoholic Beverages

-- ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED --

NO MEAL REFUNDS AFTER MEAL ORDERS ARE PLACED WITH RESTAURANT JANUARY 4th

Live music and dancing for all who wish to hang-out after dinner.

Cut on dotted line and return Reservation Slip with Payment

**** Reservations may be submitted online using club website ****

Please Respond No Later Than 9 AM January 4, 2023

15th ANNUAL MIDWEEK BASS ANGLERS RECOGNITION DINNER RESERVATION

Please reserve # _____ meals for:
Name(s) of Attendees: (First & Last) _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$35.00 each for Guests – Club Members \$20)
made out to **Midweek Bass Anglers**. **After 20 Nov 2022 & New 2023 members are considered guests.**

Mail to: Midweek Bass Anglers
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**Welcome to New
Midweek Bass Anglers
Since the Last Newsletter**

**Steve Minich (B)
Kevin Russell (B)**

Please meet and greet our new members.



**Best Wishes and Happy Birthday
Born in December**

- Joe Beaty
- David Brakefield
- Rick Harang
- Rick Knight
- Colin Lowe
- Chris Mabry
- Ernie Melcher
- Joe Michels
- Ken Muecke
- Richie Rojas
- David Sapyta
- John Schramer
- Ed Smith
- Steve Wells



**Midweek Bass Anglers 2023
Tournament Schedule**

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 18 January | Pleasant |
| 15 February | Bartlett |
| 15 March | Havasu |
| 19 April | Alamo |
| 17 May | Roosevelt |
| 21 June | Bartlett |
| 19 July | Pleasant |
| 16 August | Bartlett |
| 20 September | Roosevelt |
| 18 October | Alamo |
| 14-15 November | Roosevelt or Apache |