

MIDWEEK BASS ANGLERS OF ARIZONA INC

Bass Bites

FISHING WEDNESDAYS - NOT WEEKENDS!



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**President's
Perspective**
By Gary Grimes

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

As 2015 winds to a close and I think about this past year, lots of great memories come to mind as I reflect upon all the fishing we did together. We fished 11 tournaments this year, 9 were single day and 2 were day and a half (Apache and Havasu). We fished Bartlett, Saguaro, Roosevelt, Havasu and Apache Lakes; we fished in the cold of winter, the heat of summer, as well as the wind (Bartlett, Apache, Roosevelt) and the rain (Roosevelt, Apache). We fished with leaking boats (Asmus), big motors that wouldn't run (Cobasky), broken lower units (Nelson), and busted trolling motors (Cobasky again). We enjoyed 11 breakfasts together at the Deer Valley Airport, two great steak dinners at the Hwy 188 Tackle Store, and two burger/brat BBQ's at Apache Lake.

Late News Alert! CHANGE IN JANUARY TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE: Due to the high probability of not being able to fish Bartlett in neither January nor February due to low water and not wanting to fish Saguaro two months in a row, the club's January tournament will be held at Canyon Lake. All times remain the same.

Terry Tassin sent out over 500 email updates, kept copious notes of every meeting, and kept all of us in line. Jack Hughes spent the equivalent of a week's work getting permits, as well as at least another 40 hours making phone calls to firm up the pairings. John Reichard collected, collated, computerized and carefully distributed club monies on a week by week basis, and

knows where every penny was spent, down to the tiniest jot and tiddle. Lou Hirlemann lent us his restaurant experience to help with all of the barbeques, and spent hours accumulating and preparing the gifts for the banquet. Most will never realize the amount of work these guys do, but they do a tremendous amount. What

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HALL OF FAME

2015 Tournament Season Winners!

Angler of the Year - Rick Brown

- 1st Place Boater of the Year - - - - - Gary Martlage
- 2nd Place Boater of the Year - - - - - Richie Rojas
- 3rd Place Boater of the Year - - - - - Bryan Steele
- 1st Place Co-Angler of the Year - - - - Chuck Golden
- 2nd Place Co-Angler of the Year - - - - Jim Buchanan
- 3rd Place Co-Angler of the Year - - - - Tom Savage

Lunker of the Year - Rick Brown (9.16 lbs)
June 2015 - Lake Saguaro

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

"We Practice Catch and Release"

Midweek Bass Anglers of Arizona Hall of Fame Class of 2015



Angler of the Year 2015
Rick Brown



Gary Martlage
1st Place
Boater of the Year



Chuck Golden
1st Place
Co-Angler of the Year

Merry Christmas



Richie Rojas
2nd Place
Boater of the Year



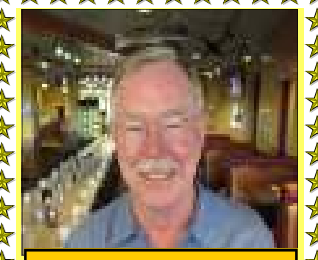
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Tom Savage
3rd Place
Co-Angler of the Year

they do so that we can have a great time deserves our sincerest appreciation. Thank you gentlemen!

The year would not have been a success without the additional contributions made by the individuals who step up and help with the operations. Gary Martlage, Nick Wampach, Tom Savage, Terry Tassin and John Milkint make up the weigh-in team, and these guys are awesome. Month after month they faithfully show up to make sure the weigh-in goes super smooth and quick. Gary Asmus and Greg Prather are our faithful grill-masters at all our barbeques. Dwayne Steel lets us set up club HQ at the Hwy 188 Tackle Store when we fish at Roosevelt. Lionel Frailey runs the monthly raffle at our meetings and has done so for many years. There are countless others who help, whose contributions are

significant at every event.

Running the state's largest bass club is no easy task, and would be impossible without the contributions of these men, as well as the countless others who offer their minds and backs to help when the need arises. Midweek is a great bass club, not because we are big, but because our members have big hearts. You guys are the best, enjoy the holidays and I will see you soon.



Weighing-In
By Jack Hughes, Tmx Director

In our continuing effort to make Midweek Bass Anglers not only the largest bass club in the state but also a unique fishing experience we have taken many steps in the past three years to show our member's spouse, sweetheart or significant other that we know and appreciate the support they have provided our members. This effort has led to many couples and individuals developing new friends, and socializing more with members away from club activities. This has resulted in many requests for more club activities other than just the Recognition Banquet for our fishing members and their support from home. With this in mind the club is planning the first **MIDWEEK CRUISE** and not on your bass boat.

2015 Fishing License
Tell Mom/Wife/Significant Other a nice Christmas gift for you would be a 2016 fishing license in case you need a new one. Whether she gives you one or not, please remember to have a current license before our January tournament.

We have gotten a travel agent and are planning a 7 day California club cruise on Princess Cruise line October 22, 2016 leaving from LA and returning to LA. We have been in contact with Princess and have already negotiated some perks with more to come. Here is some brief information on the cruise.

- The cruise is called the California Coastal Cruise leaving LA and returning to LA.
- Rates are: Inside Cabin \$770.00 per person plus fees, Outside Cabin \$950.00 plus fees and Outsider with balcony \$1160.00 per person plus fees. Mini-suites are also available.
- If you are a past passenger

**Next Meeting
Next Tournament**

Our next club general meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, 6 January** 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 is scheduled to be a day event at **Lake Canyon** on **20 January 2016**. Club launch headquarters and weigh-in location will be announced. Tournament hours are **Safe Light to 3 PM**.

Membership
As of December 9, 2015 the Midweek Bass Anglers of Arizona consists of 108 active members.



"Dag Nab It"

on Princess Lines, rates could be lower depending on how many cruises you previously participated in.

- Retired and active duty military will receive \$100.00 ship board credit.
- Schedule:
 - Day 1 - Embark in the afternoon.
 - Day 2 - Cruise the Pacific Ocean.
 - Day 3 - San Francisco, full day and evening.
 - Day 4 - Cruise the Pacific Ocean.
 - Day 5 - Santa Barbara full day.
 - Day 6 - San Diego full day.
 - Day 7 - Ensenada Mexico full day.
 - Day 8 - Return to LA. disembark in the morning
- Payment will require a \$100 deposit with final payment due 90 days prior to the cruise date.

So far we have 12 couples that have said they would sign up for the cruise. If we get 16 couples the ship will host a free cocktail party for us. If you are interested contact me, **NOT TERRY**, for signing up or additional information.

This will be a fun event for all and we would like for all of you to consider joining us for the excitement and it is a nice way to say thanks to your "other half" that supports your fishing hobby all year. If you are interested contact me, for additional information or to sign up.

Finally, I have been assured Terry will not be asked to drive

the ship (inside joke)!

NEW SUBJECT: Lake Pleasant is no longer a free lake to fish tournaments. The city of Peoria has annexed the lake and is now charging for tournaments. Permit fee is very expensive compared to other permits. Currently it is \$150 for the permit, \$50.00 for the application and an additional \$150.00 for insurance. A proposal by their city council will raise the fee to \$28.00 a boat plus \$50.00 for the application and insurance cost remains the same as of January 1, 2016. That would typically cost the club over a \$1000.00 for a 30 boat tournament compared to fishing Saguario which is less than \$100.00. One club has already paid the current fees and one chose to fish it without a permit. The rumor that if we launch out of a private marina we do not have to pay is correct as long as you only fish in the marina. Once you leave the marina you must have a permit. We cannot afford to fish Pleasant under our current fee structure and **Midweek Bass Anglers WILL NOT fish without a permit or knowingly violate any law!**

**Seasons Greetings
From
Club Members**

Ray Riley: My second year with Midweek Bass has been fun filled, and a great learning experience. I luckily was able to fish every tournament in 2015 and enjoyed each and

every one. I am looking forward to 2016 for even more fun and learning.

Every boater, I was drawn with, was a great fisherman and teacher, everyone had good pointers\and tips and knew all of their equipment very well. I talk quite a bit and no one told me to shut up and fish, they all gave hints and suggestions to help me to become a better fisherman.

Congratulation's to all of the winners this year, and to the dedicated officers of Midweek Bass who always do a great job. I am looking forward to fishing with even more great fishermen in 2016.

I also have another hobby (besides fishing) and it is restoring the paint and body work, on antique and classic motorcycles for Malcolm Smith the famous motorcycle racer and movie star (*On Any Sunday* movie with Steve McQueen) along with a motorcycle museum, and a few private collectors.

I wish all Midweek Bass Anglers a happy, merry, holiday season.

Gary Martlage: Just wishing all club members a Merry Christmas, especially my co-partners during the 2015 season! I have too many stories to tell, and some I probably should not have, but thanks again helping me to achieve Boater honors for the 2nd year in a row. The club has expanded in size and quality since I joined Midweek

Bass Anglers a little over 3 years ago, and I am excited to get back to it, and enjoy our friendly competition come January.

SIDE POT NOTES: As most of you know, we started a side pot (not club associated) a little over a year ago. I would like to thank you participants for not giving me one negative issue of concern. I collected more than \$7,000 during the year, and distributed it out to the winners! It is fun to pay out a little more money, and with your continued support, I will do this again in 2016.

WEIGH MASTER NOTES: I really appreciate you guys helping me, during the weigh-in procedure. I think a few minor changes have helped both the fishermen, and the fish, and we did not have any negative incidences last year. Special thanks to Nick Wampach (bump tank), Tom Savage (scorekeeper), John Milkint (whiteboard), and Jack Hughes (tournament director), in helping our weigh-ins run smooth, and quick. I personally enjoy weighing the fish, and seeing the excitement on the team faces, when the scales show a sure winner. I receive a lot of "thank-you's" during the year, but I want to "thank-you" all for making the job run smooth and enjoyable. I guess I will be back next year in 2016! Until then.....**TIGHT LINES!**

Welcome to New Member Since the Last Newsletter

Tom Atherton (CO)

A Little Humor

“Two Texans went on an ice-fishing expedition in Minnesota. They gave up after only one day and returned home. When they were asked why they had come home so soon one of them replied, “Heck, it took us six hours just to get the boat in the water!”

*What's the best place to see a man eating fish?
At a seafood restaurant.*

Just my luck! When the fish don't bite the mosquitoes do!

*What's the meanest fish in the Arctic Ocean
Santa Jaws*

Warden: You're not allowed to fish here!
Fisherman: I'm not. I'm just teaching my worm how to swim.

At Sunday school, the teacher was leading the class in a discussion of what Noah might have done to pass time on the Ark.



Editor's Log

By Terry Tassin

In this the end of our 10th year of publication, it has again been an honor and privilege to serve you as editor and publisher of Bass Bites. I am most pleased to count you among our readers. On behalf of the club's Board of Directors and staff, thank you and we wish you all a

**Very Merry Christmas And
A Happy New Year!**

HAPPY NEW YEAR

From Your Board of Directors

The Five Wise Men!



"I think he went fishing," said one little girl. The little boy sitting beside her gave her a look and piped up, "What...with only two worms?!?"

You might be a redneck if you've been too 'drink' to fish.

The fishing was so bad that even the liars didn't catch any.

The answer is net profit. And the question?
What does a fisherman earn?

*What's essential to have when ice fishing?
Good ice site.*

De-fin-itions

Live bait: the biggest fish you got to handle all day.

Thumb: a temporary hook holder.

Fisherman: a jerk at one end of the line waiting for a jerk at the other end.

Sinker: a weight hopefully big enough to knock out any fish on the way to the bottom so that it floats to the surface.

Rookie angler: the one who catches the most and biggest fish.

Fishing rod: a stick with a worm on one end and a fool at the other.

Truth: when one fisherman calls another fisherman a liar.

Santa's Groaners

What do fish get if they don't like the bait that fishermen are using?

A re-bait

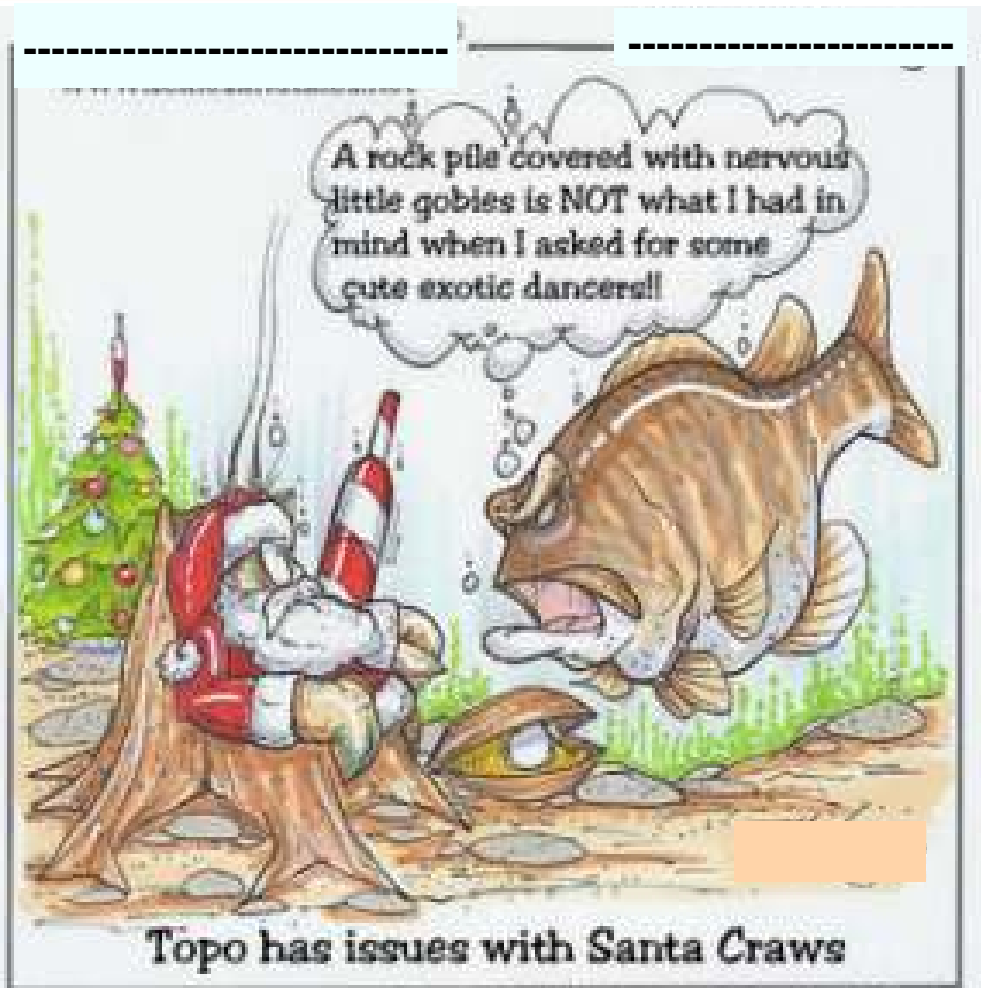
Where did the fish go to get its nose fixed?

To the plastic sturgeon

SEASONS GREETINGS 2015

And on the last day of 2015 I am going fishing to try-out my new giant swim bait but for now I am





What: 10th Annual Midweek Bass Anglers of Arizona Recognition Dinner

Who: Members of Midweek Bass Anglers and their Guests
When: Wednesday, January 13, 2016; Social Hour at 6:00PM with dinner at 7:00 PM
Where: *Elks Club Phoenix Lodge #335 B.P.O.E*
14424 North 32nd Street
Phoenix, AZ 85032
Phone: 602-482-2339

Cost: \$35.00 per Guest - - Club Members \$5. (*Club pays tax and gratuity*)

Menu: **CATERED BUFFET**
* Traditional Caesar Salad.*
* Carved Prime Rib of Beef, Au Jus *
* Breast of Chicken Marsala*
* Fettuccini Alfredo *
* Parsley Red Skin Potatoes *
* Chef's Choice Vegetable Medley *

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

Cash Bar for Alcoholic Beverages

(Domestic Beer \$3, Imported Beer \$4, Varietal House Wine \$5, Well Alcohol \$4, Call Brands \$6)

-- ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED --

NO MEAL REFUNDS AFTER MEAL ORDERS ARE PLACED WITH RESTAURANT

Cut on dotted line and return Reservation Slip with Payment

Please Respond No Later Than January 6, 2016

10th ANNUAL MIDWEEK BASS ANGLERS RECOGNITION DINNER RESERVATION

Please reserve _____ meals for: Print Names of Attendees:

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$35.00 each for Guests – Club Members \$5)
made out to **Midweek Bass Anglers**. **New 2016 members are considered guests.**

Mail to: **Midweek Bass Anglers**
C/O Terry Tassin
4333 W. Echo Lane
Glendale, AZ 85302-6630



Many Thanks to a Great Team This Past Year

By Terry Tassin
Editor, *Bass Bites*

As the year draws to a close, I'd like to express my appreciation to the regular contributors to *Bass Bites* who provide the content that makes this publication so informative and useful to our members. They make my job so much easier. So here's a hearty salute to Gary Grimes, Jack Hughes, and John Reichard, and a special thanks to my wife, Fran, who proofreads every page before I send it out. Also, let's not forget all of the club members who provide write-ups after each tournament telling everyone where and how they caught their fish. Without the input from each and every one of them, readers of our monthly newsletter would have to put up with just my "word-smithing" and after **TEN** years of putting together the *Bass Bites* each month I have about run out of original copy ideas. Hint, hint, I am open to suggestions.

Some of you are probably saying to yourself (and others) "Why does Terry bother putting out a holiday edition of the *Bass Bites* each year? There are no fishing & catching reports to put out, so why?"

I guess it just comes down to being a glutton-for-punishment and to wanting to have a way to provide a platform for those members wishing to express their thoughts about the fishing this year and a way for them to wish all club members best wishes for the holidays. Some years members provide many articles for this end of year edition; other years not so much – we just have to take what we get and pass the information on to everyone.

As you can see from reading this edition, I also use this *Bass Bites* to recognize the top fishermen for the year by listing them with their photos on a page I call the "**Midweek Bass Anglers of Arizona Hall of Fame Class of 2015.**" It's not much and the big acknowledgement comes at the Annual Awards Banquet the second Wednesday of January.

Speaking of the awards banquet, below is just a reminder to make your reservations soon and no later than 6 January 2016. After 6 January I 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 I sent out.

Don't forget – the **10th Annual Midweek Bass Anglers of Arizona Recognition Dinner** will be held Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at the Elks Club Phoenix Lodge, 14424 North 32nd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85032. Social Hour begins at 6 PM with dinner at 7 PM. Cost is \$35 per non member and \$5 per club member. Advance reservations are required so do not wait – get your reservation form with your check to the club Secretary no later than 6 January 2016.

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; Lionel Frailey (Raffle Master) 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 \$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 Lionel says, "Let's all have a GREAT time."

Just in case I don't see you before Christmas, I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very
Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

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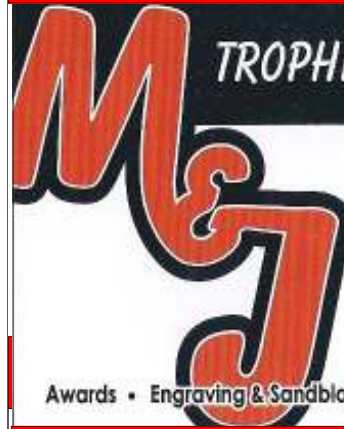
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Best Wishes and Happy Birthday
Born in January

- Jerry Askam
- Clinton Bell
- John Browning
- John Milkint
- Dave Rice
- Jason Riddle
- Vern Ridgway
- Roger Root
- Tom Savage
- Gary Senft
- Jason Wacker
- Larry White



**Midweek Bass Anglers 2016
Tournament Schedule**

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| 20 January | Canyon |
| 17 February | Saguaro |
| 15-16 March | Havasu (1.5 Days) |
| 20 April | Apache |
| 18 May | Alamo |
| 15 June | Bartlett |
| 20 July | Saguaro |
| 17 August | Bartlett |
| 21 September | Roosevelt |
| 18-19 October | Apache (1.5 Days) |
| 16 November | Canyon |