

# MIDWEEK BASS ANGLERS OF ARIZONA INC

## Bass Bites

### FISHING WEDNESDAYS - NOT WEEKENDS!



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### President's Perspective *by Dave Rice*

Every thing I have heard indicates all who fished our July night tournament really had a good time. Some teams caught many fish - both keepers and non keepers - and some teams only put enough fish in the boat to have fish to weigh-in at the end of the tournament.

I am still experiencing back problems, but I am working on the situation and hope to be back on the water soon.

I would like to remind everyone that it's not too early to nominate someone to run for club office for next year. Please remember to ask your nominee if they are willing to run for office before you submit their name to the Secretary. As I said at the last meeting, I know for sure that this year's vice president will not be running for re-election for next

year, so that is at least one job that must be filled. None of the positions are locked in just because someone has been doing the job. All jobs are available so if you are not satisfied with the way the club has been running this would be a good time to step-up and run for election.

Don't forget to send to the Tournament Director your survey sheet for next year's tournament lakes and schedule. This is your chance to have an impact on the lakes and what months we fish them during the 2012 tournament season. When you fill out your form, one thing you might consider is whether or not we should fish one night tournament as we do now, or fish no night events. Some thing I have noticed is the month we hold a night event the turn out in number of boats is smaller than usual. If no night tournament is scheduled, we would be fishing June, July, and August as modified hour's day tournaments with the events kicking off at about 4 AM and ending at 11 AM. The earlier start time is based on the club members' wishes that were expressed at the July general meeting. We will try these tournament hours at our next tournament in August at

Lake Saguaro so watch for the details when the pairings list is sent out. These earlier start hours would only be in effect during the three hottest summer months.

Stay safe and cool this summer.

### Lake Bartlett

July 20, 2011  
*by Terry Tassin*

Another great tournament is now in our record books. It was a fun night fishing in the dark and counting all the lights on boats scattered around the lake. While the club only fielded 14 teams for this event a fun time fishing was had by all.

So, how did the winners do it!

### Woodburn & Baker Dropshot To First Place

The **First Place** team of **Brad Woodburn and Steve Baker** weighed the winning creel of five bass weighing 9.36 lbs. The team also won the **Super Pot** option.

Brad commented, "Here is how the night of fishing went for us. We started off with chatterbaits and spinner baits. Steve caught the first 3 fish and none were 12 inches. We then headed down

**Monthly Breakfast Meeting**  
**Bill Johnson's Big Apple**  
**Restaurant**  
**16810 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave, Phoenix, AZ**  
**1st Wednesday of each**  
**month 8:00A.M.**

## "We Practice Catch and Release"

by the dam and got 2 more fish that would not measure. We then ran to Bartlett flats and put 2 small keepers in the boat. Headed to yellow cliffs and got 2 more that would not keep. So with only 2 keepers in the boat and it is now dark we pulled out the drop shot rigs and used 6 inch Roboworm Murray's Classic Craw and fished from the marina to the dam. We had the boat in 35 feet of water casting into 15 feet and working it out to 25 feet; we only caught 4 fish but they were better fish. That was our night and I'm sticking to it!"

Steve added, "First of all I would like to thank everyone in the club for making me feel welcome. It was awesome fishing with Brad. When the bite slowed down for us there were always funny stories to fill the time. I will never forget the drain plug story! Ha-ha. We didn't catch many fish but the

fish we did catch were all quality fish. The two baits that paid off for me were white/chartreuse spinner bait and morning dawn hologram drop shot worms.



**1st Place**  
**Steve Baker & Brad Woodburn**

The fish that we caught were mostly in deeper water and Brad was quick to fizz them to keep them alive. The locations that we fished were mostly near the marina with one quick drive before dark up river."

### **Robo Worms Take Poe & Durben To Second Place Finish**

In **Second Place** the team of **Mark Poe & Mark Durben** finished with 8.65 lbs for their five bass.



**2nd Place**  
**Mark Poe & Mark Durben**

Mark Durben provided this

input on the team's fishing experience. "Mark Poe and I started out up-lake a bit and worked our way back to the main lake for the first 4 hours of the tournament with no action at all. The most interesting action was watching a mother otter and her 5 or 6 pups. After 9 PM we moved to the marina side of the lake and switched to drop shotting. Mark picked up our first fish and then we both started catching fish; catching 5 keepers in the next 1 1/2 hours. We culled one fish and then caught a few more rats, all on the same size & color Roboworm. We are blessed in the club to have so many boaters who are both quality fishermen and quality people and Mark Poe fits in both categories. I really enjoyed fishing with him; he is persistent and focused. Thanks Mark."

### **Lou Hirlemann & Ernie Arvizu Fish Plastics For 3rd Place**

**Team Lou Hirlemann & Ernie Arvizu** weighed five bass for 8.38 pounds and took home **Third Place** honors.



**3rd Place**  
**Lou Hirlemann & Ernie Arvizu**

Lou and Ernie had fun fishing

**Next Meeting**  
**Next Tournament**

Our next club general meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, 3 August** starting at 8:00 AM, at Bill Johnson's Big Apple Restaurant, 16810 N. 19th Ave (just south of Bell Road on 19th Ave on the west side of the avenue). We hope you will come early and have breakfast together.

The next club point tournament will be a day event at **Lake Saguaro** on **17 August 2011**. Club launch headquarters and weigh-in location will be announced. Tournament hours are **4 AM to 11 AM**.

together. Lou said "I had a great time fishing with Ernie; we caught our fish on plastics all in a 1/2 mile stretch of bank. I started the big motor twice; once to get there and once to get back to the ramp. I am leaving to work and fly fish, hike, and bike for about 6 weeks at the Four Seasons in Vail Colorado. See you all in September."

**Terry Tassin & Brian Jacobson Jig Up Biggest Bass Of Event**

The team of **Terry Tassin & Brian Jacobson** weighed four bass for this event. Luckily one of those bass weighed 3.56 lbs which turned out to be good enough for **1st Place Big Bass** honors.



**1st Place Big Bass  
Terry Tassin & Brian Jacobson**

Terry said, "There we were watching out for the rain storm that threatened the lake and wondering if we would have to take shelter from the lightning in the marina. When all of a

sudden on one cast of a watermelon colored 1/2 ounce jig the thoughts of the storm were put aside in order to bring in the biggest bass we hooked up with during the tournament. We were fishing the rock wall near the marina, I throwing the jig and Brian fishing a drop shot rig. The boat was in 35 feet of water and we were casting to the rocks and working the bait back slowly to the boat. As I lifted the jig gently over a large rock in about 25 feet of water I felt a pull and I pulled back. What came up was a sweet 3.58 lb bass. It was just too bad we could not put a fifth keeper bass in the live well that night. We finished up with only four keepers but it was still a fun night. Fishing with Brian Jacobson is always an experience to be looked forward to. Too bad that was our second time fishing together this season; now I can't be drawn with Brian again this year. Looking forward to fishing with you next year

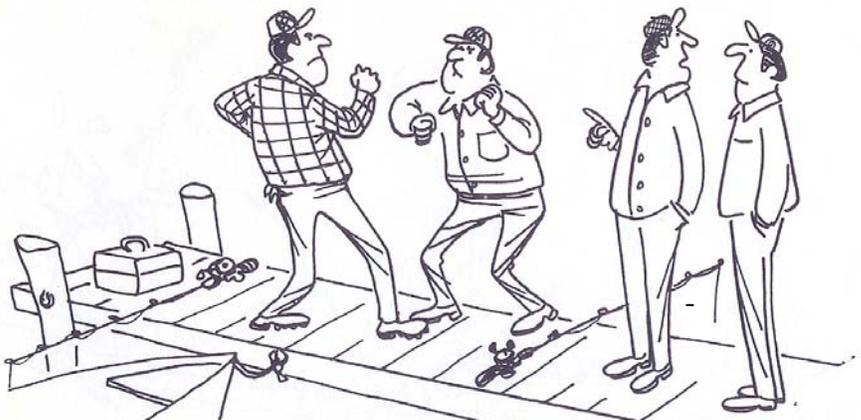
Brian."

**Tony Medina & Rich Lapointe T-Rig 2nd Place Big Bass**

Tony said, "After fishing all over the lake and trying just about every lure in the boat, we finally wound-up near the Yellow Cliffs where I fished a Texas rig with a 3/16 oz weight and a Baby Brush Hog in a dark blueberry color. Earlier in the evening we had fished many spots where I had done well during prefishing, but we had no luck.



**2nd Place Big Bass  
Rich Lapointe & Tony Medina**



**"The fellow on the left favors the Smoke Red Metal Flake Auger Tail Jelly Worm, while the fellow on the right objects, feeling that the Electric Grape Squirm Worm Sidewinder is more productive."**

**Membership**

As of July22, 2011 the Midweek Bass Anglers of Arizona consists of 82 active members.

We were really glad to get that 3.35 lb bass into the boat. It made the evening more tolerable. At the end of the tournament just as I was approaching the dock, my Q-Beam spot light burned out so that put the finishing touch on our evening.”

### Catfish Good For Goon Fish Pot

The **Goon Fish pot** went to **Daniel Elias & Bill Roscher** for Daniel's 5.36 lb catfish.



**Goon Fish Pot Winner  
Daniel Elias & Bill Roscher**

Daniel landed the 5.36 lb cat on a jig well north of the launch ramp to win the Goon Fish pot. The fish hit the jig so hard that Daniel remarked to his co-angler that he had a big one (bass) on. He did have a big one on but it was a catfish - not a bass! Oh well, the money will still come in handy.

**Statistics for the tournament:** 28 men fished 7 hours each, bringing 65 keeper bass to the scales for a total weight of 104.02 pounds with a 3.72 pound average per fisherman. All but two fish were released back into the lake after weighing to fight again another day.



### Option Pots

By Jerry Askam

**5 lb Pot:** For the third tournament in a row no one was able to find and land a 5 pounder, so the pot of \$415 will roll over to Saguaro in August. Reports indicate some nice size bass have been caught recently at Saguaro so we should have a shot at breaking our 3 tournament dry spell. Good luck to everyone.

**Goon Fish Pot:** For the second tournament in a row and third time this year a catfish was the winning Goon Fish. Daniel Elias landed a 5.36 lb cat on a jig to win the pot of \$125. Congrats Daniel.

**Super Pot:** The winning team of Brad Woodburn and Steve Baker, with Steve fishing his first tournament with the club, won the Super Pot worth \$135. They take home a total of \$415. Congrats and nice job guys.



### Member Guest Column

By Ken Buvala

#### Adventures in Towing!

I just wanted to give a big thanks to all the guys who stopped to give assistance to me when my truck overheated at the Bartlett Lake turnoff on Wednesday on the way to the lake. There was Lew, Tony, Richie, Ralph, Daniel and others. Tony broke out some baling wire, Lew thinks that it's my fan clutch, Daniel said he broke down at the exact spot

with his older truck, Richie showed me that we were wearing the same kind of hat, Ralph towed the trailer the rest of the way to the lake, and John Reichard towed it to his house after the tournament and as soon as my truck is fixed I will go pick it up from him.

It was heart warming to have all the guys circle the wagons around me. This club is made up of a bunch of great guys and I am happy to belong to this organization!



### Member Guest Column

By Jack Hughes & John Milkint



#### June Canadian Fishing Trip

This is the third consecutive year that we have traveled to Canada for a one week fishing expedition in camp to take on big Northern Pike and Walleye. There were 14 of us who left Milwaukee, June 10<sup>th</sup> for our drive to Red Lake, Ontario. Just prior to crossing the border we made our mandatory stop for liquid refreshment for the week of fishing in Canada. The distance was 850 miles from Milwaukee to Red Lake, Ontario Canada therefore we made an overnight stop at Dryden, Ontario.

Upon arrival in Red Lake we were met by the lodge owners and loaded everything into the pontoon boat for the shuttle to camp (this is the only way to reach the camp). We were booked for one week at Eagle

Falls Lodge, located on Parker Lake at the water fall. Boats are provided for both Red Lake and Parker Lake. The camp prepares a cooked breakfast and dinner each day, putting out sandwich makings for a lunch on the water. Our boats were aluminum Lund's either 16 or 18 foot powered by four stroke 15/20 horse power Honda motors.

The weather was much cooler than Arizona in June with the daily temps in the mid 70's and the evenings in the 50's. We only had one day of rain showers so the rain gear which was carried everyday got very little use.

It didn't take long after arrival for everyone to assemble their equipment and to begin fishing. All Northern's and Walleye were released immediately except some Walleye that were kept for shore lunches (that's about as fresh as Walleye can get).

There is only one word for the fishing during the week; "*outstanding*"! All fishermen caught triple digits of fish during the week. One evening while fishing a small creek running into the lake John caught 11 Northern's on consecutive casts and I caught 9 on consecutive casts.

Fishing for Northern's was primarily with artificial baits, 10-14 inch swim baits, spinners, MEEP's spinners, top water lures, and crank baits with 20 pound steel leaders on 17 pound fluorocarbon. Walleye's were mostly caught on leech's

and night crawlers. If you decide to fish for Northern's be prepared for the complete destruction of your lures. Northern's with their big teeth and hard hits completely destroy spinners after not more than six hits and one of our Zara Spooks was bitten in two on the second hit.

Naturally we had a pot for the largest Northern and Walleye of the week. John Milkint won the largest Northern with a 43  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch monster, which according to the conversion chart weighed between 21 and 22 pounds.



One afternoon Jack entered a small cove with water averaging two feet deep and crystal clear, excellent cover and started throwing a top water spook and managed to catch seven Northern's in about two hours all between 33 and 40 inches. With the clear shallow water you could see the Northern's darting out of the brush from 15-20 feet away to take the lure at incredible speed. The only way to describe a Northern that size coming out of the water to take a top water lure in two feet or less is "heart stopping" or one of the great "thrills of fishing".



The big Northern is another good fish story. On Sunday, we were fishing together and while John had on a  $\frac{1}{4}$  ounce jig tipped with a leech fishing for Walleye, Jack was throwing a large crank bait for Northern's. The Northern must have wanted a small appetizer first and picked up the small jig causing quite a battle on 8 pound test line and medium spinning rod. Your Midweek team got him into the landing net and after taking pictures returned him to fight another day. That fish held up all week and took the Northern half of the money pot.

We have already made our reservation for next June. Cost for a weeks fishing, all meals, lodging and gas for the boats at Eagle Falls Lodge is only \$750.00 for the week. The fishing license in Canada is approximately \$26.50 depending on the exchange rate.

Upon returning home we both concluded it was a wonderful fishing trip and set our goal for next year to take at least one 50 inch Northern, with our hopes and dreams of multiple huge Northern's dancing in our minds.

**FILLER MATERIAL!**

**They Walk Among Us!**

\* Some guy bought a new fridge for his house. To get rid of his old fridge, he put it in his front yard and hung a sign on it saying: 'Free to good home. You want it, you take it.' For three days the fridge sat there without anyone looking twice. He eventually decided that people were too mistrustful of this deal. So he changed the sign to read: 'Fridge for sale \$50.'

The next day someone stole it!

They walk amongst us!  
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\* I stopped at Mc Donald's and ordered some fries. The girl behind the counter said "Would you like some fries with that?"

They walk among us!  
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\* One day I was walking down the beach with some friends when someone shouted 'Look at that dead bird!' Someone looked up at the sky and said 'where?'

They walk among us!  
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\* While looking at a house, my brother asked the estate agent which direction was north because he didn't want the sun waking him up every morning. She asked, 'Does the sun rise in the north?' My brother explained that the sun rises in the east and has for sometime. She shook her head and said, 'Oh, I don't keep up with all that stuff.'

They Walk Among Us!

**About Growing Older**

First ~ Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Second ~ The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

Third ~ Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me; I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way, and some of the roads weren't paved.

Fourth ~ When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.

Fifth ~ You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Sixth ~ I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

Seventh ~ One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it's such a nice change from being young.

Eighth ~ One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.

Ninth ~ Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

Tenth ~ Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf.

And, finally ~ If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you're old.

**Eleven Lines To Make You Smile**

1. My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God and I didn't.

2. I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.

3. Some people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them.

4. I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.

5. Don't take life too seriously; No one gets out alive.

6. You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me

7. Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.

8. Earth is the insane asylum for the universe.

9. I'm not a complete idiot -- Some parts are just missing.

10. Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.

11. NyQuil, the stuffy, sneezy, why-the-heck-is-the-room-spinning medicine.

Appreciate every single thing you have, especially your friends! Life is too short and friends are too few!

**Things You'll Never Hear A Real Bass Fisherman Say**

"No, I won't be fishing in that tournament this weekend. I need to help my wife pick out new wallpaper for the bathroom."

# Photo Scrapbook - Lake Bartlett - July 20, 2011



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**Welcome to New  
Midweek Bass Angler  
Since the Last Newsletter**

**Steve Baker (NB)**

**Tackle Box Sales!**

Here is a spot in our newsletter for those members who have "fishing related items" that they would like to sell, trade, or give away.

<u>Seller</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Price</u>
Larry White	(2) Calais reels	\$250 ea
Just serviced by Shimano		

**Something to sell? Contact the Editor**

**Best Wishes and Happy Birthday**

**Born in August**

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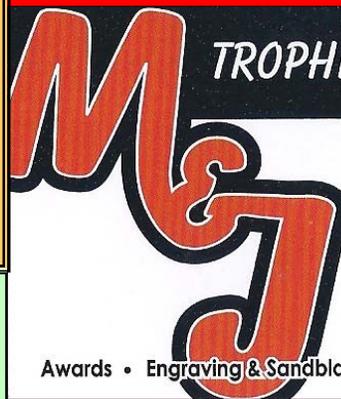
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**Midweek Bass Anglers 2011  
Tournament Schedule**

19 January	Bartlett
23 February	Roosevelt
16 March	Havasu
20 April	Alamo
18 May	Apache
15 June	Pleasant (MH)
20 July	Bartlett (N)
17 August	Saguaro (MH)
21 September	Roosevelt
19 October	Alamo
16 November	Bartlett