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President's Perspective

By Gary Grimes

As a part of my normal preparations for Midweek's March tournament at Alamo Lake, I went to Sam's Club the Saturday before the event to pick up burgers, brats and buns. As a business member, I am allowed early access to the store, so I arrived promptly at 7AM hoping to avoid any madness. I was unfortunately greeted with a line of over 200 people just to get into the store. I waited in line for 10 minutes without any movement, so I abandoned my spot and decided to give Fry's a try. Fry's was just as crazy at 8AM, but I was able to get right in. I scavenged enough burgers, brats and buns for our BBQ, only to be met by massive lines at the checkout. Two hours later I was checked out and on my way.

I arrived at the lake Sunday midday, checked into the ranger station, and proceeded to survey all the launch areas for potential problems. Due to recent storms, the water had risen to over 6 feet beyond the ends of the dock's gangway, making them unserviceable for use, making launching rather challenging.

Pre-fishing for most was difficult due the lake's water level recent rise of 8 feet, not to mention the massive amounts of trees, logs and other debris afloat on the northern end of the lake. Most of the group showed up at the BBQ, and we only had minor cancellations, but Martlage was nonetheless still quite busy with last minute pairing adjustments. In anticipation of a challenging launch, Floyd Vaughan and his gang of three had volunteered to valet all the teams into the water on tournament day. AZGFD showed up Tuesday afternoon

and was able to pull the dock up at the ranger station to a serviceable position, so no valets were needed. Once again, the fishing was not easy, but most of the teams were able to entice enough bites from the wary bass to at least put a few fish in the boat. Congratulations to Andy Goettl and Tom Atherton on a well executed victory. Also, thanks to Andy for directing traffic at the ramp during the morning launch. Also great thanks to Gary Martlage, Greg Prather, and all the guys who helped at the Tuesday night BBQ.

Regarding Covid-19 (Coronavirus) and Midweek Bass; a number of significant changes will be coming in a separate email, but as of right now, TNF is still allowing us to use Roosevelt Lake for our April tournament, but the monthly club meetings are cancelled until further notice. Midweek Bass is taking the virus very seriously, and as such will not only follow governmental guidelines to limit the spread, but also take additional measures to limit exposure to our members at our events. Obviously with no monthly meeting, tournament registration will be limited to mail-in or online entries. I expect the fishing to be better at Rosy than Alamo. Since we have not much else to do, might I suggest a little self-quarantine time on the water next month. Hope to see you at Rosy.

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

Monthly Breakfast Meeting
Deer Valley Airport Restaurant
702 W. Deer Valley Rd
Phoenix, AZ



“We Practice Catch and Release”



Tournament Report Lake Alamo March 18, 2020

Some of this and a little of that might best describe the lures that caught fish at this tournament. Dropshot, jigs, cranks, Senko's, etc, were all put to good use to make this event a fun, fish catching experience.

The tournament started off at about 6:15 AM with boats heading up river, down river and all points in between! The tournament weather was a little on the rainy side with water temps around 61 degrees in most of the lake. Fish were caught from the dam to where the river enters the lake.

All but two teams weighed fish at this tournament, and all but one fish were released back into the lake to live and fight again another day. Now let's hear from our winners.

Team Andy Goettl & Tom Atherton Catch 4.51 Iber Win 1st Place Team & 1st Place Big Fish

Taking home **1st Place**, Team **Andy Goettl & Tom Atherton** brought to the scales the winning creel of five bass weighing 11.77 lbs. Thanks to Tom's 4.51 lb bass the team also won **1st Place Big Fish** honors.

Andrew Goettl: So, it had been a few years since I was a member of this fun club, and on a whim, I decided to renew my membership last month. Unfortunately, I was unable to make Martinez, as it is my favorite body of water in the State, but I made the effort to sign up for Alamo.

Now, I had just fished Alamo on 7 March with Bass Junky. Although I didn't catch any big ones, I knew what I needed to do to find fish. I thought I was pretty good to go, but Mother Nature had other plans. After 4 days of rain, Alamo came up roughly 10 feet above "full

Next Meeting - Next Tournament

Our next club meeting for 2020 scheduled for **Wednesday, 1 April** 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 when completed, by email.

The next club points tournament is scheduled for **Lake Roosevelt** on **22 April 2020**. Club launch headquarters and weigh-in location will be announced. Tournament hours are **Safe Light to 3 PM**.



1st Place Andy Goettl & Tom Atherton

pool" and the water turned to chocolate milk. I knew I didn't have the time to get out and pre-fish, but from the sound of it, I didn't miss anything.

I met Tom Atherton for the first time at 4:30AM that morning getting the boat ready for the day. Now at the club draw meeting, I looked around for Tom, and although he wasn't there, more than a few of the guys came up to me to tell me that Tom Atherton could fish. Not only was I lucky enough to get the #1 start slot, but it soon became evident that I drew a great partner for the day.

Tom was quiet but I could tell he was up for anything. That proved to be invaluable because flipping heavy baits all day can wear on you, and it is particularly tough in a pouring rain. Tom stuck with me all morning as we tried to find a reaction bite and we flew around the lake for the first couple of hours looking for familiar spots that were under 15 feet of brown water and drift wood.

On a whim I tied on a black Spro Frog and almost immediately missed a blow up. So I stuck with it for a few more casts and got another not long after. That fish missed the frog completely and I followed the strike up with a Senko and put him in the boat.

After that we moved around a bit, and I never got another hit on the frog. Tom and I picked up creature baits and started pitching. I can't fully recall the order they came in, but I put one more in the live-well, and Tom blasted three in pretty quick succession - one of which was the tournament's big fish. The 4.51 pounder he put in the tank sealed the win for us. I caught a couple of more before heading to weigh-in, but we were unable to cull any fish.

Tom culled one more out, but for the most part we had our weight by 1PM) or so. The rain didn't bother me at all because I knew my partner likely had won us the day with his fish. Tom didn't believe it, but I told him I thought he had won it for us. I knew it was going to be a slugfest, and Tom had figured out a detail that I don't think a lot of guys did.

I can't say enough about Tom Atherton; great guy, good stick, and I will gladly share the boat with him anytime.

Tom Atherton: Thanks to everyone that helped with the cookout and the weigh-in team. I met Andy the morning of the tournament. Neither of us had the opportunity to prefish, so we "just went fishing". I started throwing a Texas rigged worm with no takers, switched to a spinner bait, same results. Andy was throwing a frog and had two blow ups but didn't hookup. He threw a Senko back into the same spot and caught one of those fish! I tied on a buzz bait thinking there may be a top water bite, with no action though. We both went to flipping bushes with a Texas rigged Yamamoto cowboy in green pumpkin, that is how I caught our big fish in about 6 feet of water swimming it back to the boat. I think we caught about 7 fish that way and were able to cull out a few smaller ones. I enjoyed fishing with Andrew and look forward to fishing with him again in the future.

Lou Hirlemann & Tom Savage Catch Fish From One Spot For 2nd Overall

In **2nd Place** Team **Lou Hirlemann & Tom Savage** weighed five bass for a total weight of 10.76 lbs. Tom's 3.29 lb bass took **2nd Place Big Fish** honors for the team.

Lou Hirlemann: I hope everyone is still healthy, after a cold wet Alamo. Fishing was slow but I got our first fish on my first cast of the morning with a buzz bait. Our next fish came from flipping in the first couple hours of the day. Around 10:30 Tom got 2 fish in a 30 yard stretch but we kept moving. After a couple hours and no bites we went back to Tom's spot and finished our day there with Tom catching our big fish in that area on a Texas rig brush hog.

Tom Savage: I wasn't going to fish this tournament because my nine year old grandson is in little league baseball and I am helping his dad coach the team. Well because of the virus the little league cancelled all games and practices, so Sunday night I called Mr. Martlage and he said come on up and we'll find you a partner. Gary did a mini drawing and put me with Lou Hirlemann. Great! Lou and I fished Tuesday and were only able to catch three fish. We didn't have any kind of a pattern, so we decided to start the tournament where we caught the biggest fish on Tuesday. That was a good decision because Lou's first cast with his world famous buzz bait put our first fish in the boat, great start. After several hundred casts, Lou with his buzz bait and I with spinner bait we decided to do something different. We went down river to the trees. Lou put the SS Minnow in the thick stuff where the only thing you could do was pitch

Membership

As of March 201 2020 the Midweek Bass Anglers of Arizona consists of **114** dues paid active members.



2nd Place Tom Savage & Lou Hirlemann

in between the junk. It wasn't long before I heard fish! I grabbed the net and ran to the front of the boat, only to have Lou say I lost him and I'm hung up. I put the net down and got back to my spot about the same time Lou was flipping that same fish into the boat, he was still on, just stuck. Great job Lou!

We left there and started fishing the cedars in back of a nearby cove in shallow water, where I was finally able to help with a couple of fish on a Texas rig baby brush hog. That makes four, one more to go. We left there for another nearby cove and fished some more junk, but nothing happened. Captain Lou says let's go back to where you caught your two fish. I say, works for me. I stay with the brush hog and was able to catch what turned out to be the second big fish of the tournament. Now we're high fiving; that makes five keeper bass. Lou switches to the same baby brush hog and catches one that we're able to upgrade with. I end up catching a small one that we throw back. It was a tough day fishing, but it turned out to be a lot of fun. Thanks Lou for putting us in all the right places. Congratulations to Andrew Goettl and Tom Atherton for their win.

Team Baca & Sheldahl Speed Fish For 3rd Place Finish

Team **David Baca & Mark Sheldahl** weighed five bass for 10.74 pounds and took home **Third Place** honors. Mark's 3.75 pound Catfish took **Goon Fish** honors for this event.

David Baca: First of all a great big thanks to all of those responsible for another enjoyable Midweek Bass tournament and to those in the weigh-in team who were ready to do a great job, rain or shine. Also big congrats go to Andrew and Tom on their win. I want to thank my partner "Mr. Mark". Mark Sheldahl was a blast to fish with and also a very good fisherman. We had a lot of fun even in the rain and caught a lot of fish and lost a few good ones, mostly because of my laziness that day. After I heard that a lot of fish were on the beds a week earlier before the lake came up 10 feet, we decided to focus on going into the larger coves until we got to about 18 feet of



3rd Place David Baca & Mark Sheldahl

water. We worked the areas on both sides and during prefish those were the only areas I could get bit so we stayed with it. That paid off as the fish did not move back in the coves where the channel was less that 10 ft deep. They simply moved to the closest shorelines where they were before the lake came up. Most of our fish were in 1-3 ft of water and some came a little deeper in flooded cedars up to 8ft deep. Some of our fish came on spinnerbaits that Mark was having some success with but he later switched to one of my Robo zipper worms that I throw up on the bank and burn it back through the brush. They would just slam it and try and rip the rod away. I also caught several pitching it in the cedars. When Mark tied his worm on he became hard to keep up with and I had to speed up with the net job which made me realize I was a little slow. Thanks again everyone.

Team Sean Ballard & Donny Stevens Work One Cove All Day To Finish 4th Overall

Taking home **4th Place**, Team **Ballard & Stevens** weighed five fish for a total weight of 10.13 lbs.

Sean Ballard: I managed to get out and fish on Sunday before the tournament and for the first time in a long time I didn't get a bite - I know right! But, I did locate fishable water that had good color and a lot less mud than other parts of the lake. We (Donny Stevens and I)

Tournament Statistics

Sixty-three men fished 9 hours each, bringing 115 bass to the scales for a total weight of 186.85 pounds with a 2.91 pound average total catch per fisherman. The average weight of each fish was 1.62 lbs. All fish but one were released back into the lake after weighing to fight again another day.



4th Place Donny Stevens & Sean Ballard

started Wednesday morning on that spot and Donny and I managed a quick limit by 7:30 AM and we culled all day in the same cove. The bait of choice was Senkos, a Fat Ika, and a new Japanese stick bait that looks like a penis and scrotum - no kidding - but the fish really hammered it. I had a blast fishing with the club's newest member Donny. Congratulations to Andy Goettl and Tom Atherton on bringing in a great limit in tough conditions.

Donny Stevens: First off I'd like to say thank you to my boater Sean Ballard, not only is he a great person but he is also a magnificent fisherman. The day started off cold and gloomy but we launched and went towards the right. I'm not sure of the name of the area but I believe it was the second cove to the right where we pulled in and started throwing some reaction baits - with no luck. We then slowed down just a bit. Sean picked up the first fish on a Senko style bait and a light bulb went off and we both decided to slow down and fish stick baits in dark colors watermelon green pumpkin. All fish were caught in 5 to 15 feet of water. I got the biggest fish of the day which was our second fish caught. The rest of the day was a grind spot jumping but ultimately our first spot proved to be where we fished most of the time. I would like to thank Midweek Bass Anglers and note that everybody was inviting and just some good old boys. Again, I'd like to thank Sean. I plan on seeing all you guys at the next tourney.

Rick Brown & Warren Brackey Flip To Finish 5th

A five fish bag weighing 9.99 lbs was enough to earn Team **Brown & Brackey** the **5th Place** money.

Rick Brown: Warren and I started our day in a small cove in the dam area. After about 30 minutes I caught our first fish on a black frog; I was pretty excited about that. Warren, soon caught another one, on a Texas rigged craw. We moved around to a couple other spots



5th Place Rick Brown & Warren Brackey

and managed to pick up another fish flipping trees just north of Cholla ramp. We then moved north into the trees and started catching fish on spinner baits and a couple by flipping creature baits. The fish were small, but under the circumstances they were definitely fun to catch. Thanks to the tournament crew for another perfect job as usual.

Warren Brackey: Cool, wet weather and rising water levels challenged Midweek Bass Anglers (MBA) at Alamo Lake. The larger females were yet to move up in numbers onto beds. Stir in the chocolaty water in most areas of the lake and now you had to drop something on the fish's nose to get a reaction.

It was another fun, well run tournament put on by MBA. Many thanks to our club staff, our stellar weigh-in crew and member volunteers for their hard work. Special thanks to Howard Thomas for towing the club trailer and to all who set-up and served at the burger, brats and blazing beans buffet. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and are very much appreciated.

First, congratulations to team Andrew Goettl and Tom Atherton for their well deserved victory and for hauling in the big fish. Well done, guys! Also, congrats to everyone who placed and caught big fish in this event.

This has been a great 2020 for me, being paired with two good friends and scoring to two top tens to start the year. What could possibly compare with that? Being drawn with Rick Brown maybe? The short answer, "Yes, maybe!" I've fished in the club a few years now, so I was aware of Rick's many accomplishments and reputation as one of our club's top competitors. Fishing Alamo with Rick was going to be a chance for me to get to know Rick some, and to learn about bass fishing from one of our club's best anglers first hand.

Rick and I were able to prefish on Monday and Tuesday. The raised water level and stained water conditions made catching fish difficult on Monday and even harder for us on Tuesday. It was clear to me that Rick's fishing skills were superior to mine. But what impressed me as much, if not more, was his positive attitude when the fish got lock-jaw. We threw everything but the kitchen sink for two days. Rick even threw a frog

several times with no reaction. Our fish came on a variety of offerings, spinner baits, Texas-rigged hula grubs and various craw type baits, underspins and Senkos, with six or seven fish being caught Monday and one fish caught Tuesday.

On game day Rick decided to fish the small cut to the south where we caught fish on Monday, then move north to fish the river area. Not sure how Rick worked all that out. What I do know is our first fish ate Rick's frog! By around 9:30 AM we had 3 average fish in the live-well before moving north. Once we got up north into thicker cover, Rick suggested I throw the spinner bait while he pitched and flipped. Over the next four hours we caught several more fish, upgrading three or four times with two fish over 2 pounds. We just never could get that kicker we knew we needed. A pretty good day all things considered. Rick didn't even seem to mind my stumbling to get the net most of the time.

I had a great time fishing this event with Rick. I certainly learned a lot about the flipping technique and about the importance of persistence and staying positive when the fishing gets tough. It was great getting to know Rick a little better, and it would be my pleasure to be paired with him again anytime.

Team Rapp & Johnstonbaugh Work Heavy Brush Finish 6th

Team **Lester Rapp Jr and Pat Johnstonbaugh** weighed five bass for 9.85 pounds and took home **6th Place** honors.

Lester Rapp Jr: We caught all our fish in clear back waters 2 to 5 feet deep. My co-angler (Pat Johnstonbaugh) is a heck of a fisherman. Thank you all for fishing this tournament. I had a lot of fun and hope to see you next time - tight lines.

Pat Johnstonbaugh: Lester and I pre-fished on Tuesday and it was tough. We caught a few and learned a little about what lures we thought they were biting.

On tournament day we had luck on craw / brush hog style baits in dark bluegill colors. Even though Lester caught a fish on a squarebill crank, I couldn't duplicate the same. We weren't having any luck on reaction style baits. No spinner bait fish, nor swim jig, chatter bait - nothing! I don't know the lake very well as it was only the 3rd time I fished Alamo. We were on the north side of the lake and it was too muddy for us. We moved to where it was clearer water on I believe the south-east side in the heavy sticks and trees and that seems like where we were able to find our bites. If it weren't for Lester using his boat like a plow to get through the heavy trees, I don't think we would've caught any fish. His boat was littered with debris and it will probably take 3 passes through the car wash to remove all the leaves, branches, and spiders. Two of his rods were pulled into the lake by tree branches - luckily the rods were suspended in trees and even luckier that Lester noticed what had happened and was able to retrieve them fairly easily as they were still near the



6th Place Pat Johnstonbaugh & Lester Rapp

surface. We found pockets where visibility was 3 - 4 feet and we were able to find a few fish in the 1.5 lb range (all clones) in that clearer water. Having had some luck in clear water, we went on the search for more clear water near the shore and surrounded by trees. The trees seemed to block the current and wind, which left the water less disturbed.

We caught all our fish on both days in 2 - 7 foot depths. There were so many flooded trees and sticks that it seemed like Texas rigs were all we could use without hanging up every minute. We did have some fun with a bed fish that I couldn't see because the water was too dirty but he came flying out of the water and hit my chigger crawl bait like a topwater bait. He was in 4 feet of water and among the 100's of bushes sticking out of the water. He hit my bait 2 more times like he wanted to kill it and then took a break. Lester re-positioned us on the other side of the bush and he was able to land that bass in a couple of casts. We found another area way back in the hidden sticks which was about 4 - 5 feet deep and we cast to the endless amount of dead and sometimes green bushes. It was raining steady around lunch time and I think we were all wishing we were in a hot tub instead of in this weather. Among these bushes I was able to find a 3.2 lb fish and felt lucky to have it.

We fished great together as a team and I really enjoyed fishing with Lester. Congrats to Andy Goettl and Tom Atherton for the win and the big 4.5 pounder! Thanks to the club members who put this all together.

**Gary Martlage & Ron Rudzinski
Finish 7th Overall**

In 7th Place Team Gary Martlage & Ron Rudzinski weighed five bass for a total weight of 9.21 lbs.

Ron Rudzinski: I pre-fished on Tuesday with Gary Martlage and we decided to check out the river as he had little luck on Monday fishing the main lake. We found enough action there to make it our first stop on



7th Place Ron Rudzinski & Gary Martlage

tournament day. Wednesday started out kind of slow, but we managed to get a few small ones on Senkos. We eventually started upgrading our fish rotating through spinnerbaits, underspin swimbaits, and Senkos in 5-10 feet of water. Gary and I had a fun day catching about 30 fish. We just couldn't get the kicker we needed.

Congratulations to Andy and Tom on the win and big fish, nice job. I must also say what a great job our weigh-in team does. I also want to point out how smooth the tournament went considering the cancellations for weather concerns, etc. Thanks Gary, great job. Super job was done by all for the club BBQ on Tuesday evening.

Gary Martlage: I had the pleasure to fish for the first time with Ron Rudzinski. We pre-fished all over the lake, as everyone else did, but could not seem to settle on a productive pattern. We took a ride up river, and found a small area that was holding small buck bass, and decided to start there in the morning. During the tournament, we caught and released over 30 fish, but couldn't get a bigger bite than the 1.75 - 2.00 pound fish, but we had a fun time catching them!

**Team Steve Grier & Rick Knight
Take 8th Place**

Team Grier & Knight weighed five bass for 8.92 pounds and took home 8th Place honors.

Steve Grier: Congrats to Andrew and Tom on the win. Thanks to the weigh-in team for a typically smooth job. Shout-out to the club and those who did the work for the barbeque Tuesday night. Good food and a good time - appreciated it!

I pre-fished alone Monday and didn't find anything and then I pre-fished with my tournament partner Rick Knight on Tuesday. We checked some areas



8th Place Steve Grier & Rick Knight

on the main lake with no success. Rick found some fish on Monday with Lester Rapp fishing the trees on the south side in 13 - 15 feet of water. We went there Tuesday and caught a few small fish. We decided to go back to the trees on Wednesday but to go shallow, thinking the fish had moved up. We hadn't fished any shallow water in the area, so we pushed through the trees until we found some and spent the morning fishing cover in 1 - 5 feet. We caught 2 fish and broke another off on the hook set in the first 10 minutes. Things slowed down after that and we managed a small limit by noon that was a little over 8 lbs. We decided to leave the area to try and find a kicker bite. We spent the last 2 hours on the north side fishing shallow on chunk rock banks. We didn't find a kicker but we culled 3 fish to give us our final weight.

We caught 10 fish for the day, one on a spinnerbait and the rest on Texas rigged chigger craws green pumpkin and watermelon candy. I enjoyed fishing with Rick and look forward to doing it again. He's a good stick and located the fish that got us pointed in the right direction. I also appreciate all his bush-whacking, log removal, and Talon management to help us get in and out of the thick stuff.

Rick Knight: Here is my take on the day of fishing at Alamo. I was lucky to fish with Steve Grier and we had a great day of fishing. We had our first 5 fish in the boat by 9AM. That left us the rest of the day to search for a couple of toads we know are in Alamo, but we just couldn't find them. I had the benefit of pre-fishing before and after the first storm that went through a week before the club tournament. I caught a lot of fish and even landed a 4.58 pounder in the trees, but when the water level went up, the bite slowed. I was glad to have another storm come in the day of the tournament and hoping that bite would come back strong.

We started in shallow water up in the trees. I threw a watermelon candy - crazy legs chigger craw pretty much all day. After noon, we decided to move to another location on the other side of the lake, again in shallow water. I changed to a black spinner bait with

silver willow blades. We found some fish in this area, but nothing big enough. Congratulations to all those that won and thanks to Gary Grimes for the barbecue on Tuesday night. It was another great time with everyone.



Weighing-In By Gary Martlage Tournament Director

The third tournament of 2020 is now history. Our tournament went very smoothly, starting with the pre-launch meeting, to getting on the water. I think we launched 30 plus boats in record time as we were all ready to go with 15 minutes to spare for safe light. Catching fish was the only problem our club had, as the expected heavy sacks of bass did not materialize. At the end, getting back to using the club weigh bags sure did help the weigh-in. All were used, and the line was still short, thanks to the excellent help of the weigh-in crew. Thanks for all you do!

Our next tournament, as of now, is still on. I received an email from the TNF Ranger station, giving some recommendations on how to be cautious during sign up, and weigh-in procedures. Sounds to me they are NOT going to cancel our permit, so we're on! See you all at Roosevelt, April 22nd.

Guest Column By Joe Michels

Joe Michels here, I was the co-angler in boat # 2 and I am the newest club member.

Doyle Wofford and I had about 1 hour on the water on Tuesday. It was warm and dry! We stayed by the dam because of reports that Doyle had received about the darker water in the river and that fishing was tough. I started with a spinnerbait and caught two small fish in about 30 minutes. That was a good sign.

On tournament day, we went back to the same place and the water was darker than the day before. It seemed like the darker water had moved closer to the dam. We moved from the north side to the south side into



cleaner water and I caught two very small fish on a blade. Doyle was fishing Senkos and a Texas rig but didn't get a bite there. So we moved into the middle of the lake on the north side. Again the water was much darker with great looking structure with green bushes everywhere. Perfect for flipping and spinnerbaits, but nothing was biting. (In two weeks Alamo will explode!)

We then moved to the south side of the lake into cleaner water. I kept flipping and throwing spinnerbaits and Doyle used Texas rigs. Texas rigs started working. We used brush hogs and fished them through the bush line in about 8 feet of water. We also caught some bass between the bank and the brush line. We had to swim and pull the brush hogs through the bushes; I could not get them flipping into the bushes. It seems they wanted it moving horizontally through the bush limbs and not vertically flipping.

We caught 10 - 14 fish all day, with nothing over 2 lbs. We never had a good one on. A solid 3 lber would have helped our weight immensely.

April at Roosevelt should be amazing. By then the rivers will settle, the water will warm and the bass will be in the spawn. I expect big bags fishing shallow water. Power fishing will win along with blades, flipping, and bed fishing in heavy cover.

I am really glad to be part of Midweek Bass Anglers and I am looking forward to fishing with each of you.

Photo Scrapbook - Lake Alamo
March 18, 2020



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**Welcome to New
Midweek Bass Anglers
Since the Last Newsletter**
Joe Michels (CO)



Please meet and welcome our new members.

Club Apparel

Individuals wishing to purchase a club shirt, jersey, or cap can order directly from our president.

Best Wishes and Happy Birthday

Born in April

Gary Asmus

David Baca

Spencer Hand

Lou Hirlemann

Pat Johnstonbaugh

Bill Page

Gary Volpe

Joe Zimmerman



**Midweek Bass Anglers 2020
Tournament Schedule**

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