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Meeting Attendance... Twenty two members, one junior member, and three guests attended the first meeting at Joe's Crab Shack. The top six gave a report on the State BASS Tournament, and Gary Swenson and Bob Jett gave a report about the web site. Bob also brought samples of caps for the club to select from, and a decision was made to place an order. It was voted that the next meeting would also be at Joe's Crab Shack.

Tournament & "BIG BASS" Awards...

1st Place	Bob Jett	5 fish	16.38 lbs.
2nd Place	Tim Cook	4 fish	15.46 lbs.
3rd Place	Andy Labay	5 fish	12.44 lbs.

BIG BASS OF THE TOURNEY: Tim Cook 10.32 lbs.

BIG BASS OF THE MONTH 11.7 lbs.

by Jeremy Workman at Lake Fork

How the top three were successful:

1st Bob Jett This was Bob's largest stringer at a club tournament. It was topped off with two kickers, 5.20 lbs. and 4.98 lbs., and at this tournament it took both fish to win. Bob's day started like everyone else, at noon he had no fish. Around 12:30 he entered the cove at the mouth of Bull Creek, and on the first brush pile to the right he hooked, but lost a nice fish. This gave him the motivation to work the rest of the creek.

He was using a watermelonseed Super Fluke with a chartreuse dipped tail. He worked the shallow right side of the creek. He found water temperatures as high as 60 degrees in this area. He was usually throwing in two or three feet of water or into, or at the edge of, the trees where they hung out over the bank. He managed to pick up four keepers and three dinks with this pattern. His partner also caught three fish.

He caught his last keeper using the same philosophy, but in the main lake. He went down lake to fish the cove and creek behind the big reed patch, but it was crowded with boats. He spotted a few trees, over the water, on the other side of the lake and headed for them. It worked, and he pulled in his fifth fish right before the end of the tournament.

2nd Tim Cook All Tim's fish came on a Watermelon/Red Flake Super Fluke with the Cooper's version of the Mustad Fin-a'cky hook. This is a front weighted hook with a coat of flex coat over the lead to help it slip through the fluke and not tear it up as much. Tim was using mono line, and he caught all his fish casting into the shallow water inside the grass line and then pulling it back into the grass.

Tim caught his first two keepers on back-to-back cast around 8:45. He was fishing the grass on the south side of the lake about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile up from the 360 bridge. He left the area and tried other places, but then came back to the same area around noon. He finally left the area and picked up

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his fourth fish, or one could say his stringer, about 3:00 up by the City dock (See below for the detail coverage of that fish). Tim could never find the fifth fish that could have won him the tournament, but he probably had a hard time concentrating with Fat Alberta in the live well.

3rd Andy Labay Andy had five bites for the day and scored five keepers. He caught his first fish early on a deep crank, but the other four came off Flukes and Senk-Os. His best color was Green Pumpkin.

Tales of the big fish:

7th Leonard Moeller 4.89 lbs. Around 20 minutes before the end of the tournament Leonard reached down and picked up an unopened bag of dark blue Senk-O style baits and thought, "Why not, nothing else had worked." He put one on his Carolina rig and cast it out behind the boat. When he picked it up after letting it set, he thought at first he was hung on the bottom. After realizing it was a fish, he set the hook. "I thought it was a little fish with just a lot of grass on it, but Bobby told me it was a big fish. Bobby could hear my drag as it stripped out line, but with my old ears, I couldn't hear it." Leonard fought the fish, and Bobby fielded the net. How many times has this combo put a fish in the boat?

6th Bob Jett 4.98 lbs. Bob caught this fish flipping a weightless Watermelonseed Super Fluke, with a chartreuse dipped tail, at the edge of the trees on the south side of Bull Creek. He said the key to the presentation was the slow fall of the weightless fluke and then letting it set there for a little while before it is moved. "Most of the time I never felt the fish. Either the line started moving off, or it was heavy when I picked it up." He was surprised at the size of this fish when he saw it, but he was even more surprised at what happened just two cast later. He caught her big sister. (See Below)

5th Andy Labay 5.01 lbs. Andy picked up this fish around 3:00 PM in the mid-part of the lake, near the large reed patch. He was fishing a 4" Senk-O in 10 to 15 feet of water.

4th Brian Washburn 5.12 lbs. "It's too bad my fish wasn't a healthy fish. It was blind in one eye and skinny. He was 23" long, and that was as long as Tim's 10 pounder." Brian had fished a Watermelon Candy fluke the majority of the day. Around 3:00 Brian, and his partner, Steve Magnelia, pulled up to a brush pile up the lake. Steve threw a fluke into the brush, a fish picked it up, but Steve missed the fish. Brian pitched his fluke into the same area, and a fish hit it, but when he went to set the hook his line broke at the rod. He decided not to retie instantly, and instead picked up his rod with a watermelonseed Senk-O and flipped it into the spot. He let it sink to the bottom and Bam! After a short fight Brian's only keeper fish was in the live well. Before they left, they had five bites out of the same brush pile, but only one keeper was landed.

3rd Bob Jett 5.20 lbs. Bob Jett had his biggest fish entangle him in a tree. After a short tango between Bob, the fish, and the tree, his partner handed Bob the net, laid out over the side of the boat, and preceded to pull the tree to the surface. This was the first look Bob had at the fish, and when he saw the size, he explained, "Oh, xxxx!" (Edited for our younger readers). With his partner, hanging half out of the boat and holding the tree out of the water, Bob managed to get the net under the exhausted bass and capture his prize.

2nd David Hoedebeck 7.38 lbs. David Hoedebeck started off the day by catching the biggest fish of his angling life. A big fish, a personal best, and caught at a club tournament. That is something special. The fish came off the corner of the retaining wall that runs behind the lone boat house on the left about two miles up from City Park. David was drifting a weightless Senk-O when he saw his rod tip twitch. He waited a second, and when he felt the fish, he set the hook. It pulled deep and hard: obviously a big fish. David thought, "It must be another big carp or catfish." For people that don't know, David has a history of catching big fish, just not bass. Suddenly, the bass decided to take the fight above the water. Splash! Splash! Suddenly, David decided that ain't no carp. The fight was on, the bass with a hook in its mouth and David with his heart in his throat. It was a good fight until the bass decided to bury into the grass. David, using 8 lb. Line, had no option but to wait the fish out. Thankfully after a couple of minutes, the bass came free of the grass and soon found herself entangled in the bottom of David's net. Congrats, David, on your biggest bass to date.

1st Tim Cook 10.32 lbs. Tim was fishing near the City Park double boat ramps. He was about 25 feet down lake from the cluster of four no wake buoys, when he cast his Fluke into the shallow water just beyond the edge of the grass. After letting it sit for a little bit, he picked it up and felt the resistance of a fish. He set the hook and instantly knew he had a good fish, but he didn't know how good until she came up and jumped. "Oh my God, get the net," was shouted, as thoughts of a Texas Lunker went through his head. The fish rolled a couple of more times and then buried itself into the grass. For a couple of minutes it would not move. Finally after Mike Riley, his partner, had moved the boat around to the other side of the grass, the fish finally broke lose from the grass. Exhausted, the fish was led into the waiting net, and Tim was finally able to breathe.

"That was the longest battle I have ever had with a fish. Luckily the hook was in the roof of its mouth, and the line was safe from being sawed in two by its teeth." "There is so much luck in catching those big fish." Yes Tim, there is a lot of luck, but it also requires a lot of skill. Congratulations on your best fish to date.

General Trends from the Tournament

What a feast or famine tournament. On the one side we have the have's setting new personal records, having a great day on the lake, and ready to go back to Lake Austin for the next tournament. On the other side are the have-not's with seventeen people not catching a keeper fish, eight more with only one keeper fish, and even the short fish were far and few between.

The key seemed to be that the more active fish had moved out of the grass and into the shallower water. They also wanted a very slow presentation. Throw it out there and let it sit seemed to be the key for the bigger stringers.

It was nice to have so many fishermen at the tournament. We also enjoyed having our guests. Tom Dunn, an ex-member, was the guest of Andy Labay, Chris Woehl was the guest of David Hoedebeck, Steve Magnelia was the guest of Brian Washburn, and Steve Nichols, Cody Nichols, and Robert Gonzales were the guests of Bob Jett. It was also nice to have Riley Jordan, a junior member, back fishing with us.

Notes and Quotes from the tournament

*Analysis of the catch: There were 34 fish caught by 33 fishermen (25 members, 2 junior members, 6 guests) for an average of 1.03 fish per person or .1114 fish per hour. The weight of the fish looks much better, with the 34 fish weighing a total of 95.05 or 2.80 lbs. per fish.

*"I can't win for losing, but at least I didn't fall out of the boat."

*"What fish market did you buy those fish from?" (Answer Bull Creek Shallow Water Fish Market.)

*"I caught a short fish a while ago, but at least I got to remember what a fish feels like."

*After touching Tim's 10+ pounder while showing Tim the best way to hold the fish for a picture.

"Wow, now I at least get to go home smelling like I caught a fish."

*"Hey you idiot, can't you see we're fishing you vegetable brained moron." An insult hurled at a speed boat that went between Carl's boat and the bank he was casting toward.

*Did the Tournament Committee do well at the tournament? All Tournament Committee members caught one fish each. On the other hand, the one that broke the tie in favor of Lake Austin.....

Big Bass for Jeremy from Lake Fork

Jeremy brought in a big bass weight slip from a certified scale for a bass that he caught March 22 on Lake Fork. He said the trip produced a lot of nice bass, but the best one of the trip came within the last few minutes of the trip. They decided to try his favorite point one more time before heading back to the motel. Drifting across the point fishing a lipless YoZuri he hooked the fish. He did not realize it was quite that large until it hit the surface and he saw the saucer size eyes. "Get the Net!"

A Super Comment by a Super fisherman.

Steve Magnelia wanted to thank the club for sharing information so freely. He said that the information he gained from people at our weigh-in, would help him fish Lake Austin in the future.

APRIL OUT-OF-TOWN TOURNAMENT Site, Date & Time...

LAKE: Alan Henry (near Post, TX) **DATE: April 12 & 13, 2003**

WEIGH-IN SITE: Only Ramp on the Lake

FISHING TIME: Saturday 7:30 to 5:00

Sunday 7:30 to 1:00

This will be a paper tournament. Attached is a one page, front and back, weight chart for largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass. Largemouth and smallmouth must be 14" to be counted, but spotted bass only have to be 12". The city of Lubbock has asked that we send these sheets in after the tournament. They have also asked if we will measure and mark all fish caught, not just our top five. This information will be turned over to TP&W. Additional sheets will be available at the tournament.

How to get to the lake

The lake is between Post and Snyder off Hwy 84. At Justiceburg turn on County Rd. 2458 to County Rd. 3519, and then follow the signs to the lake. (Play this by ear. This is what the map says. No one we know has actually been there. Watch for signs.)

Additional information on Alan Henry

*Lake Facts: Size 2,800 Acres, 11 miles long, 95 miles of shoreline, 115,937 acre feet of water, 40 billion gallons, 90 feet deep at dam, crest elevation 2,263 feet above sea level, average depth of 40 feet.

*Estimated driving time about a six and one half to seven hours.

*For good information on the lake try augusmaximus.com or www.texasfishingforum.com and www.hawgusmaximus.com

*Launch Fee - \$8.00 per person entry fee and \$8.00 per boat launch fee. (\$6.00 and \$5.00 weekdays)

*Accommodations are available in Post, Tx, just 22 miles from the lake.

Motels - Best Western Post, Tx. (806) 495-9933

Budget Inn Post, Tx. (806) 495-2841 (This seems to be the choice of most members.) Cheaper than Western.

Deluxe Inn Post, Tx. (806) 495-2883

----- CLUB NOTES -----

New Address and Telephone Numbers:

David Hoedebeck

Lance Wenmohs

Mike Halfmann Alternative Mike has an activity for any club member not going to the out-of-town tournament. He will host a tournament on Canyon Lake at Jacobs Creek Area 1 from 7:30 to 4:30. The cost is \$10.00. Ten percent of the money will go to the club with the rest paid out to the fishermen on a 40%, 30%, 20% system. The date of the tournament is April 12th.

CALENDAR of UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS...

Dates	Events
4-12-03 to 4-13-03	April Out-of-Town Two Day Tournament
4-29-03	April Meeting
5-10-03	May Tournament
5-27-03	May Meeting

**Good Hook Sets and no broken lines,
Carl Adkins
Secretary - Canyon Bass Club**

Tournament Committee

(Call these guys to voice your choice for tournament locations.)

Mike Tennant
(Tournament Committee Chairperson)
John Beene
Mike Riley
Gary Swenson
Brian Washburn

	Tourney	Tourney # of	Tourney	Tourney Monthly	# of	TOTAL	TOTAL	BB	Meeting	TOTAL		
Members:	Place	Weight	Fish	Points	BB	BB	Tourneys	# of Fish	Weight	Points	Points	Points
Jett, Bob	1	16.38	5	75			3	11	26.84		12	153
Cook, Tim	2	15.46	4	64	5		3	9	26.94	5.0	12	139
Labay, Andrew	3	12.44	5	55			2	10	31.13		12	116
Hoedebeck, David	4	8.86	2	49			3	5	14.21		12	113
Wenmohs, Lance	5	6.66	3	44			2	8	27.61	4.5	8	120.5
Washburn, Brian	6	5.12	1	40			3	7	25.47		8	130
Moeller, Leonard	7	4.89	1	37			2	4	12.42		4	69
Smith, Dean	8	3.45	2	35			3	7	20.88	4.5	12	119.5
Tennant, Mike	9	3.38	1	34			2	5	9.10		12	95
Halfmann, Mike	10	2.85	2	33			3	4	5.71		12	100
Swenson, Gary	11	2.61	1	32			2	4	9.17		12	69
Adkins, Carl	12	2.15	1	31			3	10	23.94		12	151
Riley, Michael	13	1.74	1	30			3	8	21.80		8	117
Dees, Kenneth	14	1.68	1	29			3	4	9.01		12	93
Beene, John	15	1.58	1	28			3	6	10.27		12	97
Katzer, Mike	16	0	0	20			3	10	32.04		12	171
Miller, Stan	16	0	0	20			3	9	22.24		12	124
Workman, Jeremy	16	0	0	20		4	3	9	16.88	8.0	12	116
Whiteside, Bobby	16	0	0	20			3	6	12.76		12	95
Thompson, Milton	16	0	0	20			3	6	16.88		12	92
Jordan, David Sr.	16	0	0	20			3	4	14.53			83
Jordan, David Jr.	16	0	0	20			3	2	4.66			68
Dupras, Bob	16	0	0	20			3	1	2.21		12	71
Evans, Eric	16	0	0	20			3	1	2.82		4	64
Jarman, Mark	16	0	0	20			1	0	0.00		4	24
Kersh, Brooks							1	5	16.67		8	48
Acrey, Roy							1	0	0.00			18
Rickman, Drew											4	4
Friedrich, Bobby											4	4
Schoettle, Curt											4	4
Boling, Dick											4	4
Crabb, Victor											4	4

Junior Division Members:

Felix Halfmann		0	0	20			3	1	1.36		4	127
Joseph Halfmann							1	0	0.00		4	28
Jordon Riley		0	0	20			1	0	0.00			20

Guest:

Nichols, Steve		5.80	3									
Cody Nicholos		0	0									
Robert Gonzales		0	0									
Steve Magnelia		0	0									
Chris Woehl		0	0									
Tom Dunn		0	0									

TOTALS: 95.05 34 156 417.55

