



## Meeting Attendance...

The meeting was attended by 26 members, two junior members, and 6 guests. An ex-member, Ralph Babcock, was in from his home in New Mexico and visited the meeting. Kitty-Sue Schlink was a guest of Mike Katzer. John Powers, who fished our open tournament, visited the club and he plans on fishing our next tournament. Becky Jett and Nicole Tennant attended with their spouses.

Jenny McGaughey, from Enkeada Massage, gave an excellent presentation on how to get some relief from shoulder and arm pains caused by a long day of fishing. Some of the younger guys might not have been able to relate, but for a lot of the older fishermen, 10 hours of fishing can bring on some painful evenings.

Stan Miller purposed a temporary position of Web Master for the club. Tim Cook was selected to fill the position, but only after Bob Jett assured him how easy it was to operate our web site. This is a position that could become a regular club office when constitutional changes are made in the summer.

John Marshall is looking for someone to fish the South Circuit of Bass Champs this spring.

## Tournament & "BIG BASS" Awards...

**1<sup>st</sup> Place David Hoedebeck 2 fish 9.22 lbs.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Dean Smith 1 fish 8.21 lbs.**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Carl Adkins 2 fish 6.16 lbs.**

**BIG BASS OF THE TOURNEY Dean Smith 8.21 lbs.**

**BIG BASS OF THE MONTH 8.21 lbs. by Dean Smith at Lake Austin**

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## Secrets of the Big Bass Baggers at Lake Austin

**First Place David Hoedebeck 9.22 lbs.**

It was early and David, with his partner Bob Jett, were fishing some small scattered patches of hydrilla up-lake from city park. David threw a small popping bait over by a two-by-two patch of grass in about two feet of water. A swirl, a splash, but no fish. He followed it up with a Senk-O, but still no reaction. "Bob and I both threw at that grass for about 10 minutes, but nothing seemed to be interested. Finally, I felt the line get tight, set the hook, and the bass started taking drag." It was a good fight. David never saw the fish, until he finally got it near the boat. When he did, his heartbeat accelerated.

With the help of good net man, the fish was in the boat. This turned out to be the biggest bass David has ever caught. But, it still wasn't enough for him to win the tournament. He needed another fish to go with the big one. This didn't happen until later in the day. They were working the docks across from city park. Bob was flipping the docks, but David decided to cast out into the grass. He spotted an area where two different types of grass met, and he cast to their intersection. Slowly he fed line to keep his Senk-O in the area as long as possible. Finally he felt the fish and set the hook. It was a short fight, and the fish buried into the grass. They swung the boat around, went back and dug the fish out of the grass.

It was only a 1 ½ lb. fish, but it was enough to give David his first tournament plaque. First place is a nice way to start out.

### **Second Place Dean Smith 8.21 lbs. and Big Bass of the Tournament**

Dean and Eric had fished hard all day, but their only bite was a fish that Eric had lost about 7:30 that morning. It was about 12:30, and Dean decided to fish the area where the grass meets the reeds about 200 yards up and across the lake from the Hwy 360 ramp. Dean was throwing a watermelon Fluke, and he caught a dink. With the next few casts, he caught several more short fish. On his fifth cast he caught a six inch dink and was pulling it through the grass, when the eight pound bass came up and ate the dink getting hooked in the process. After a short fight, Dean got the fish in the boat, put the big bass in the live well and released the dink. That was the only keeper bass Dean caught during the tournament.

***A whale of a story*** As wild as it is to hear Dean's side of how he caught his big fish, think about the story the dink is telling his friends.....

I saw what looked like a big shad, and I attacked. Unfortunately it was one of those fake fish, and before I knew it I had a hook in the side of my mouth. I was trying with all my might to escape, but I was hopelessly being rapidly dragged through the jungle of green shoots. Suddenly out of nowhere came a giant whale, and sucked me into its mouth. The first thing I knew, all I could see were red gills and giant jaws. I was sure I was a goner, when suddenly I realized the whale had gotten caught on the same hook that had caught me.

The whale now seemed more interested in escaping the hook than he did in eating me. The next five minutes were terrible. As the great whale fought the hook, I was thrown in every direction. Into the gills, against the whale's teeth, halfway down the gullet; I was at the mercy of the thrashings of the great whale. Just as I was about to pass out, a miracle happened. Somehow a great giant in the sky lifted the whale, and myself, clean out of the water.

The whale still thrashed some, but the giant held the whale by the lower jaw, and cast a magic spell over the whale that kept it from moving. The giant then removed the hook from the whale's mouth and placed the whale in some dark hole. When he started removing the hook from my mouth. I knew I would be tossed into the dark hole with the whale. Suddenly another miracle happened. The great giant placed me back into the water. Quickly, I swam back into the jungle of green shoots.

What a story! I could write a novel about this adventure. A movie? Yea! I could sell the movie rights and be rich. "The Great Whale Adventure" Yea, that's a catchy title. Now what would be a good name for the little fish that plays me? Elvis? No. Tiny? How about Jonah?

### **Third Place Carl Adkins 6.16 lbs.**

Carl and Milton Thompson had pre-fished on Thursday and had found good fish at the very back of several creeks. Carl had a five fish limit of about 12 lbs. on Thursday by 9:30 in the morning. Carl and Milton started the tournament at the very back of one of these same creeks. The water looked the same, but the fish were not there. A check of the temperature gauge showed that the water temperature had dropped 10 degrees since Thursday.

Hoping that they would find fish along the way, they went ahead and fished the creek out to its mouth. When they reached the main body of the lake, around 10:00, they had nothing. After a brief discussion, it was decided to go down lake and try a flat near the dam before joining the armada around city park.

A float across the flat didn't produce, and they were about to give up. Then a cast toward the shore at the back side of the grass produced a four pound fish. Carl had cast his watermelon/chartreuse Senk-O to the edge of a small thick grassy area on the backside of the hump. The fish picked up the Senk-O very gently, but when she felt the hook, she put up a good fight. "Get the net. This is a nice fish!" At 10:32, the first fish of the day was placed in the live well.

Continuing to fish the same area, Milton hooked a fish about 10 minutes later. It was a nice fish, but no matter how it was turned, flipped, or twisted, it would not reach the 14" line. Milton didn't give up, and within the hour had a nice 2 ½ pound keeper in the live well. Talk about wanting the bait; Milton was reeling in with only a few feet of line still out, when the fish came out of the water and took the Senk-O like a top water bait.

Carl and Milton fished back and forth in about a 70 yard area until about 2:00. They picked up another nice keeper and a dink.

### **Notes and Quotes from the tournament**

Lake Austin was Lake Austin; several big fish caught, but not a lot of fish. We had 16 club members fish the tournament. Sixteen bass were brought to the weigh-in for a total of 45.7 lbs. That averages to one fish per fisherman, or one fish for ever 10 hours of fishing. The average fish weighed 2.86 lbs. There was an eight pounder, a seven pounder, a five pounder, and a four pounder caught at the tournament. These four fish amounted to over half the weight of the tournament.

"I'm not going to weigh mine in until you weigh yours in."

David Hoedebeck caught a 7.69 lb. bass and did not win big bass of the tournament. In March, on Lake Austin, at a club tournament, David caught a 7.38 lb. bass and did not win big bass that tournament either. David, at least this time you won the tournament. These two bass are the two largest bass, to date, for David.

No one brought more than two bass to the weigh-in.

"It wasn't the way I wanted to end my year, but I gave it a good try." Tim Cook

This tournament still didn't cement the end of the year standings or Angler of the Year. A lot of close races are still to be decided at the December tournament. Good Luck to all. It has been a super competitive year.

Mike Halfmann caught his five pound whopper about 2:00. He saw several people loading up early, and he was considering the same action. He decided first he would fish the grass bed near the ramp. He was throwing a fluke behind a front runner when the big fish came up and nailed it. Never give up until its time to go to the weigh-in.

## TOURNAMENT Site, Date & Time...

**LAKE: Fayette County    DATE: December 13**

**WEIGH-IN SITE: Park Prairie Ramp**

**FISHING TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

This will be a paper tournament. See attached sheet. Do not bring in any fish to be weighed.

### ----- CLUB NOTES -----

**Sportsman of the Year** – At the December meeting, nominations will be made for the Bobby G. Whiteside Sportsman of the Year Award. Many of our members consider this the most important award the club gives. Be thinking of members that you feel deserve to be nominated for this award. The Bobby G. Whiteside Sportsman of the Year Award recipient will be selected at the January meeting by secret ballot.

**Election of Officers for 2004** - Nominations were taken at the November meeting for officers for the bass club in 2004.

**President** - Lance Wenmohs

**Vice-President** - Andy Labay  
Gary Swenson

**Secretary** - Mike Tennant

**Treasurer** - Milton Thompson

The floor will again be open for nominations and then a vote will be taken to elect officers at the December meeting.

**Cabela's in Buda?** – A recent Austin American Statesman story said Cabela's is thinking about opening one of its super stores in Buda.

**Dues are Due** – BASS State Federation, BASS National Federation, Texas Association of Bass Clubs and Canyon Bass Club dues for the first of the year are due by the December meeting This year BASS dues must be to Milton by December 12<sup>th</sup>. What can be joined, and what must be joined, is always a little confusing to new members. Below is a short summary.

Club Dues - Ever member is required to pay Canyon Bass club dues. Club dues are \$3.00 per month and \$3.00 per tournament fished. The monthly dues are paid twice a year, by the December and June meetings(\$18.00). Tournament fees(\$3.00) are due by the next club meeting following the tournament. A member only pays tournament fees for the tournaments they fish. For those members who want to pay everything for the whole year at one time, an option is available to pay \$66.00 by the December meeting. This one time a year payment covers club dues and all tournament fees for that year.

The Canyon Bass Club sends two teams off to fish major tournaments. Six members fish the six day BASS State Federation State Championship, and eight members fish the TABC State Championship. Selection for these teams is based on membership in the required organizations and end of the year standings from club tournaments.

To fish the BASS State Federation State Championship a member must be a member of BASS State Federation(\$18.00 per year), BASS National Federation(\$15.00 per year), and be a BASS/Bassmaster individual member(\$20.00 per year). The BASS State Federation fee and the BASS National Federation fee is paid through the club, but the BASS/Bassmasters membership is maintained separately by the member. BASS dues must be to Milton by December 12<sup>th</sup>.

To fish the TABC State Championship a member must be a member of TABC(\$20.00 per year).

**Summary** Due by the December meeting

<u>Minimum</u>		<u>One Payment</u>	
Club Dues(first six months)	\$18.00	Club Dues and Tournament Fees for the year	\$66.00
(Optional) TABC dues	\$20.00	All club dues and fees + TABC	\$86.00
(Optional)BASS State & National <u>(This year must be to Milton by December 12<sup>th</sup>.)</u>	\$33.00	All club dues and fees + BASS State & National	\$99.00
Questions? call me <a href="#">email me</a>		All club dues and fees + BASS State & National & TABC	\$119.00

**CALENDAR of UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS...**

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Events</u>
12-13-03	December Tournament
12-25-03	Christmas Day
12-30-03	December Meeting
1-1-04	New Years Day
1-10-04	January Tournament (Start of a new tournament Year)
1-27-04	January Meeting

**A Special Thanks** - I would like to thank all the members who have shared information with me for the newsletter. The information, stories, antidotes, and spirit of cooperation that I have received from the members, made writing the newsletter this year a pleasure.

The focus of the newsletter was based on my belief that the strength of this club is our unselfish tradition of sharing information in order to make all our members better fishermen. Some of us may worry that we are giving away our favorite lure choices or fishing holes, but I believe that you will never give more than you receive.

A very special Thank You to my wife, Ronel. She had to proof read and edit every issue. She corrected my spelling, improper verb tenses, dangling whatevers, and run on sentences. She could not catch all my mistakes, but for everyone you say she corrected ten others. Without her, I would have been exposed for the illiterate that I am.

**Happy Holidays and a Happy Good Fishing Year,  
Carl Adkins  
Secretary - Canyon Bass Club**

**Tournament Committee**

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

**Andy Labay**  
(Tournament Committee Chairperson)  
Tim Cook  
Milton Thompson  
Mike Halfmann  
Stan Miller

# Fayette County Reservoir

## Largemouth Bass 2003 Weight-Length Chart

<b>Angler's Name</b>	
<b>Date / Time</b>	December 13, 2003 / 9:00 to 5:00
<b>Club Name</b>	CANYON BASS CLUB of SAN MARCOS

Length (inches)	Weight (lbs.)	Tally	TOTAL Weight	Length (inches)	Weight (lbs.)	Tally	Total Weight	Length (inches)	Weight (lbs.)	Tally	Total Weight
10	0.48			14 3/4	1.70			19 1/2	4.20		
10 1/8	0.50			14 7/8	1.75			19 5/8	4.29		
10 1/4	0.52			15	1.79			19 3/4	4.37		
10 3/8	0.54			15 1/8	1.84			19 7/8	4.47		
10 1/2	0.56			15 1/4	1.89			20	4.56		
10 5/8	0.59			15 3/8	1.94			20 1/8	4.65		
10 3/4	0.61			15 1/2	1.99			20 1/4	4.74		
10 7/8	0.63			15 5/8	2.05			20 3/8	4.84		
11	0.66			15 3/4	2.10			20 1/2	4.94		
11 1/8	0.68			15 7/8	2.16			20 5/8	5.03		
11 1/4	0.71			16	2.21			20 3/4	5.13		
11 3/8	0.73			16 1/8	2.27			20 7/8	5.24		
11 1/2	0.76			16 1/4	2.32			21	5.34		
11 5/8	0.79			16 3/8	2.38			21 1/8	5.44		
11 3/4	0.81			16 1/2	2.44			21 1/4	5.55		
11 7/8	0.84			16 5/8	2.50			21 3/8	5.65		
12	0.87			16 3/4	2.56			21 1/2	5.76		
12 1/8	0.90			16 7/8	2.63			21 5/8	5.87		
12 1/4	0.93			17	2.69			21 3/4	5.98		
12 3/8	0.96			17 1/8	2.76			21 7/8	6.09		
12 1/2	0.99			17 1/4	2.82			22	6.21		
12 5/8	1.03			17 3/8	2.89			22 1/8	6.32		
12 3/4	1.06			17 1/2	2.96			22 1/4	6.44		
12 7/8	1.09			17 5/8	3.02			22 3/8	6.56		
13	1.13			17 3/4	3.10			22 1/2	6.67		
13 1/8	1.16			17 7/8	3.17			22 5/8	6.80		
13 1/4	1.20			18	3.24			22 3/4	6.92		
13 3/8	1.24			18 1/8	3.31			22 7/8	7.04		
13 1/2	1.27			18 1/4	3.39			23	7.17		
13 5/8	1.31			18 3/8	3.46			23 1/8	7.29		
13 3/4	1.35			18 1/2	3.54			23 1/4	7.42		
13 7/8	1.39			18 5/8	3.62			23 3/8	7.55		
14	1.43			18 3/4	3.70			23 1/2	7.68		
14 1/8	1.48			18 7/8	3.78			23 5/8	7.82		
14 1/4	1.52			19	3.86			23 3/4	7.95		
14 3/8	1.56			19 1/8	3.94			23 7/8	8.09		
14 1/2	1.61			19 1/4	4.03			24	8.23		
14 5/8	1.65			19 3/8	4.11						

>>>>Bring no Bass to the weigh-in.<<<<

**Five Largest Bass:**

Ba ss	Length	Weight
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

TOTAL WEIGHT =

Tournament  
Big Bass Weight =