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January Meeting... There was a good turnout at the January meeting with 25 members, two junior members, and nine guests. Morgan brought her mom Michelle. She let dad come too. Carolyn(Bobby), Nicole(Mike), Becky(Bob), and Shannon(Kevin) added even more beauty by attending with their respective husbands. Allen Knox, a neighbor of Mike Tennant's, Jess Knox, his brother, and Arthur Knox his father all attended the meeting as guests of Bob Dupras. We always enjoy having our guests, and we hope Allen, Jess, and Arthur will consider fishing with us.

Tournament & "BIG BASS" Awards...

1st Place	Mike Katzer	5 fish	25.25 lbs.
2nd Place	Lance Wenmohs	5 fish	20.95 lbs.
3rd Place	Brian Washburn	5 fish	19.15 lbs.

BIG BASS OF THE TOURNEY: TIE

Lance Wenmohs	7.68 lbs.
Dean Smith	7.68 lbs

Runners up: **Brooks Kersh 7.42 lbs.**, **Mike Katzer 7.17 lbs.**, and **Andy Labay 6.32 lbs.** They don't get a plaque, but anytime you catch a six or seven pound fish at a club tournament, you should at least get your name mentioned in the newspaper. Congratulations to all five big bass fishermen.

How the top three did it!

1st Mike Katzer – Mike was culling by 8:30. Wow! Where was he and what was he throwing? First, he credits his partner for putting them in a good place to start the tournament. Milton Thompson had caught some fish pre-fishing, one going 6.5 lbs., in the back of the big cove east of the dam around Snapp's pond. Thus, this was where they started. Between the two of them they managed to collect around 37 pounds of fish in this area. Second, Mike selected the best lure to catch the biggest fish. His partner was throwing a smaller version of a lipless crank bait, and Mike selected to throw the large size of a similar bait. On the third cast they had a double on, but Mike's was the largest. That was the way it stayed. Mike managed to harvest five fish between 19 and 23 inches for a total weight of 25.25 pounds. Oh! What was he throwing? Rumor has it that it was a Yo-Zuri Rattl'N Vibe in a ghost bluegill color. That's the second 25+ lb. stringer Mike has caught in the last year.

2nd Lance Wenmohs - With a twenty pound stringer last year from the big Oak Thicket Boat Ramp cove, Lance had no choice but to start the tournament in that area. He soon discovered that

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he was not going to win the tournament in that area this year. He tried a few other places before discovering his honey hole along the bank between the cold water intake and the baffle dike. He kept his boat in about six feet of water, and threw into the bank, catching most of his fish in about three feet of water. He was casting a Carolina rigged green pumpkin lizard. He picked up fish most of the day in this area, including a 23½ inch, 7.68 pound fish. This was one of the largest bass Lance had ever caught.

3rd Brian Washburn – Brian suffered from the same start as Lance, but with what that cove produced last year, who wouldn't give it a try? After a slow start, Brian and Jeremy tried flipping the reeds. Brian picked up his first fish flipping the reeds with a fluke in the same cove where they had started. To keep himself awake he decided to throw a lipless crankbait out behind the boat, and he picked up a 20½ in. active bass. At that point he continued to cast his crankbait out into deeper water. He ended up picking up seven keepers and finishing the tournament with a 19.15 lb. stringer. Most of his fish came in four to six feet of water and on the opposite side of the big cove from where they had started. Brian was throwing a Yo-Zuri Hardcore Drum, color unknown.

Summary of the January Fayette Tournament - There were 86 fish caught for 288.43 lbs. That is an average of 3.35 lbs. per fish. There were 9 five fish limits, eight stringers over 15 lbs, and fourteen stringers over 10 lbs. (fifteen if the guest 13.58 lbs. stringer is included).

The best early bite seemed to be a combination of being in the right areas and throwing lipless crank baits in fairly shallow water. Several members had an earlier limit using that formula. The lipless crankbait bite seemed to slow down after about 9:00, except for those individuals that moved out to a little deeper water. The best bites later during the day seemed to come on soft plastics fished a variety of ways. Flipping the reeds, flipping trees, and Carolina rigging in shallow and deeper water all seemed to produce some nice fish. The soft plastic bite was steady, but not nearly as fast as the early lipless crankbait bite.

For many, the fishing was great, but the weather was not the best. But if you think it was bad on us, The Heart of Texas Bass Club was also there fishing the first day of a two-day tournament. That's right! They had to come back and fish all day Sunday.

Notes and quotes from the tournament –

*Stan Miller kept his streak alive. He caught a three pound tilapia. He had caught a large tilapia on each of his two previous trips to Fayette.

*Mike Katzer at the ramp before the tournament, "I have a guide today." (*Damn good guide*)

*Why would Jeremy Workman, Brian Washburn, and Lance Wenmohs all start in the same cove? Last year it produced over 68 pounds of fish. This year naught.

*It was an upside down day. It got colder and not warmer as the day progressed, and there was fog at the end of the tournament rather than at the beginning.

*Quote from many club members, "Here's my tournament sheet. It's a little wet." (Drip, drip, drip)

* Last January, Fayette County Lake produced over 228 lbs and one of the largest stringers in club history. This January it barely got voted in as the January tournament site. This January it produced over 288 lbs. and eight stringers over 15 lbs. Next January, will it even make it out of the tournament committee?

*There is an old saying, "You can't go back." How did people years ago know the club would vote to go to Travis over going back to Fayette.

BIG BASS OF THE MONTH

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TIE

Both bass were from the January club tournament. (Paper Weight)

----- **CLUB NOTES** -----

Committees - The President has been busy appointing committees to help with certain task. The committee appointments are listed below:

Tournament Committee

Mike Tennant (Chairman)
Gary Swenson
Brian Washburn
Mike Riley
John Beene

Web Design Committee

Gary Swenson (Chairman)
Bob Jett
David Hoedebeck
Tim Cook
Lance Wenmohs

Constitutional Committee

Carl Adkins
Stan Miller
John Beene
Andy Labay
Kenneth Dees

Open Tournament Committee

Mike Tennant
Tim Cook
John Beene
Mike Halfmann
Mike Katzer

NEW MEETING SITE NEEDED

Due to a policy change by Mamacita's Restaurant, we are forced to look for a new meeting site. We ask for the help of all members in helping the club find a new site for the March meeting. We will meet at Mamacita's for the End of the Year Banquet/February Meeting. Any suggestions on possible meeting sites should be passed on to Tim Cook. Please check the site out and have as much information on the site as possible before calling Tim.

We have met at Mamacita's Restaurant for the past five years and it has been a good arrangement for both. The restaurant's new policy is based totally on economics and has nothing to do with them being unhappy with us in anyway. Due to their volume of business, they just simply can't afford to keep so many seats tied up during the evening rush.

Top Six Team Heads South this Spring

Good Luck to Tim Cook, Carl Adkins, Lance Wenmohs, Bobby Whiteside, Andy Labay, and Kenneth Dees as they head to Amistad during the week of March 16-21 to fish the 2003 Texas BASS Federation State Championship. May you land all your big fish, may all your casts be backlash free, may your motor always start, may your batteries have plenty of power, and may your roommate never snore. Don't forget that Mexico is on the metric system, so all the fish caught on the Mexican side must be 35½ cm long.

February Meeting = Annual Awards Banquet

The annual End-of-the-Year Awards Banquet will be held simultaneously with the February meeting. It will be in the big meeting room at Mamacita's Restaurant. This is an event where we invite you to bring your family. In order to finish at a decent hour for children, the **meeting will start at 7:00 PM**. Dinner will be served during the meeting. Club members' meals will be paid for by the club, Members need to pay for the meals of their families and guests. There will not be a choice of entrees. Alcoholic beverages must be paid for by the members.

CALENDAR of UPCOMING CLUB or RELATED EVENTS...

Dates	Events
2-1-03 to 2-2-03	BASSmaster University (Austin)
2-8-03	February Club Tournament
2-25-03	February Meeting – <u>End of the Year Banquet</u>
3-1-03 to 3-9-03	BASS Pro Shop Spring Sale-Dallas Store
3-7-03 to 3-9-03	BASS Pro Shop Fishing Classic-Dallas Store
3-8-03	March Club Tournament
3-15-03 to 3-23-03	BASS Pro Shop Spring Sale-Houston Store
3-16-03 to 3-21-03	BASS State Tournament
3-21-03 to 3-23-03	BASS Pro Shop Fishing Classic-Houston Store
3-25-03	March Meeting

Tournament Committee wants your input.

The tournament committee asks any member with a suggestion for tournaments to contact any of its members by phone or E-mail. Don't complain about what they do, unless they have heard from you.

Mike Tennant (Chairman)
 Gary Swenson
 Brian Washburn
 Mike Riley
 John Beene

Out-of-Town to be held in April

The tournament committee announced that a two-day out-of-town tournament will be held on April 12 and 13. They want your suggestions as to where you want to fish. They threw out the names of four possible contenders; Sam Rayburn, Cedar Creek, O.H. Ivey, and Alan Henry. These lakes drew out some good discussion of pros and cons for each, but they are not the only possibilities. If the committee hears a strong push from members for other lakes, they will also be considered. The tournament committee will narrow it down to two lakes to be voted upon at the February meeting.

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Keep it under your Hat Bob Jett brought in a possible club hat. No action was taken, but this is an issue where we need to make a decision and take some action.

Bobby featured on First “Ask the Local Pro” Tim introduced a new concept to the meeting with a “Ask Your Local Pro” featuring Bobby Whiteside. The concept is unique. The member picked must stand up and any member can ask him any question about fishing. Bobby was asked two questions, and he gave good answers.

What is your favorite winter bait? (A straight five inch worm on a light Carolina rig.) How long does it take for bass to turn back on once they have turned off? (Unknown. A lot of times they move. They may cruise or just move out and suspend. The one thing that seems to hold true is that they don't change their depth of water very fast. If they are feeding in 10 feet of water, they will move out and suspend in 10 feet of water.)

February Tournament Site, Date & Time...

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LAKE: Lake Travis DATE: February 8th
WEIGH-IN SITE: Pace Bend Park East Ramp (The same as usual)

FISHING TIME: 7:00am to 4:00p.m. Bring your fish in to be weighed.
Don't forget to check for the tooth marks. The limit on these bass is only 12”.

Name that Fisherman

1. On many occasions this fisherman has jumped into the water from several thousand feet.
 2. This fisherman has caught many fish where he had to reel in over a mile of line to get them in the boat.
 3. This fisherman used to sit in his boat and wait for planes to miss the runway so he could drag them out of the lake.
 4. What fisherman in the club has caught (hooked and landed) the largest largemouth bass?
 5. This fisherman won his first tournament fishing in a belly tube.
 6. What famous Pro fisherman was born and lived part of his childhood in San Marcos, TX?
 7. This fisherman would easily win the contest on who has spent the most hours in a boat.
 8. Which fisherman was the first to use plastic worms in the Central Texas Area?
- Answers will be given at the next meeting.