



**Next months, meeting is at Joe's Crab Shack - Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm**

### **Meeting Attendance...**

The May meeting was attended by 22 members, 1 junior member, and 5 guests. Jeff Holley became a member during the meeting. Michelle, Morgan, Nicole, and Becky were the class and beauty contingent at the meeting. A potential member, John Marshall, attended with Stan. John heard about the club and meeting last Friday morning on the ramp at Amistad in Del Rio. Small World!

Bob Jett acquired a number of handy gojo one-step Fast Wipes to keep in your boat for emergencies. There are 10 pre-moistened towels per pack. Regularly they sell for about \$2.00 per pack. Thanks to the deal that Bob worked out, the club is selling them for two for a dollar, and the club is still making a little profit for the club treasury.

The club hats came in and went on sale at the meeting. There are three styles: a lovely khaki model made of a soft polyester/cotton blend with a blue bill that sits close to the scalp for the low brow more stylish look. There is also an all blue style of this garment, with a small accent khaki strip around the bill, for the fisherman who can't wear khaki. The hat also comes in khaki in the more traditional high stiff brow with an exposed net back for the older fisherman who likes to stay with tradition. All models come with an embroidery Canyon Bass Club emblem complete with the state of Texas and a jumping bass. Every discerning hat connoisseur should be able to find something in this year's line of hats that appeals to his taste.

The hats cost \$10.00 and will be on sale at the next meeting.

### **The Open Tournament Committee**

The Open Tournament Committee reported on the activities and plans for the open tournament. The tournament date is Saturday, October 25, 2003. Mike Halfmann stressed the need for all club members to be involved in the open tournament. Too often only a few of the members do the majority of the work on this. The tournament activities could be divided into three phases: pre-flier printing activities, flier distribution, and administration of the tournament. We need the members to be involved in all three phases of the tournament.

The first part of the tournament work, the pre-flier phase, involves getting sponsors. Mike is coordinating this and needs to be contacted by E-Mail or phone when you decide to approach a sponsor, when you get a cash commitment from a sponsor, or when you get a donation. We need every business to be contacted, but we only want them to be contacted once.

If you want to solicit sponsorship, but don't know whom to approach, contact Mike. Try to think of businesses that we have not contacted in the past. Is there a business that you do business with or have a special contact with? This is the largest tournament in the between-cities area. It is also one of the longest running tournaments in the entire area.

Everyone at the meeting was given a letter explaining the contribution levels for the tournament and a sample of last year's flyer. Make copies and leave the client a copy, even if they do not commit. Write them a receipt and collect the money while you are there, if possible.

This is your tournament, it will only be as good as you make it. There are also other jobs that need to be done. Contact Mike if you are willing to help.

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

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>Carl Adkins</b>	<b>5 fish</b>	<b>13.05 lbs.</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>Gary Swenson</b>	<b>5 fish</b>	<b>12.75 lbs.</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	<b>Milton Thompson</b>	<b>5 fish</b>	<b>10.87 lbs.</b>

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### **How they got a full house on Stillhouse.**

**First Carl Adkins 13.05 lbs.**

"I feel very lucky to have gotten first place. Gary and Milton had the best overall quality fish stringers. I just got lucky and caught a large fish." Carl had four other fish, all weighting about 1½ lbs. each, to go with the big fish. He also culled two smaller fish.

Carl started out at the point near the bluff cliffs on the south side of the lake at the opposite end of the big flat from the island. There is some deep water there with timber, and he was hoping for a good top water bite. The top water bite was not there, but his partner, David Hoedebeck, did manage a keeper and several small fish on watermelon seed weightless Senk-o's.

About 8:30 they moved to the big point on the opposite side of the lake. This point has produced fish before and today was no exception. They rigged watermelon seed Flukes and Motor Oil 7" worms on Carolina rigs, and started drifting into the point. The way the wind was blowing, this made for a drift of about 250 yards. On the first drift David caught one keeper and one dink. On the next drift Carl caught two keepers. They drifted the point the rest of the day, and there were only two drifts that did not produce fish.

Most of the water was 10 to 12 feet deep, and there were small scattered patches of very short grass. They used a wind-sock all day to help slow down their drift. The bite was slow. They had a lot of hits where the fish would bite on the tail, but would not take the bait. The bite picked up in the afternoon when the wind seemed to lay a little. That probably allowed the bait to give a little better presentation to the fish.

### **Second Gary Swenson 12.75 lbs.**

From third place last month, for his first tournament place award, to second place this month, Gary is on a roll. Gary had a total of eight keepers and lost a very nice fish in the trees. He had two fish that went around 3 ½ lbs. and a couple more in the two pound range.

Gary and his partner, Mike Riley, started their tournament in the flat area just next to the point where Carl was. They caught several small fish, and Mike managed one keeper while Gary managed two keepers. They stayed in this area until about 9:30, and then went to the big point across the lake.

They started drifting the point with watermelon seed Flukes on Carolina rigs and a weighted hook fluke. They continued to catch fish on this point until the end of the tournament. While they were drifting the point Gary felt a fish, reeled down in anticipation, and set the hook. Suddenly there was a snap and Gary was left holding half a handle. Now we have all broken rods before, and sometimes on a hook set, but usually we break the rod, not the handle. That's right! The handle had snapped in two. It would be a great story if he had picked up the rest of the rod and fought the lunker bass to the boat, but unfortunately when he picked up the rest of the rod, there was no fish.

### **Third Milton Thompson 10.87 lbs**

Milton fished two places during the tournament and caught fish at both places. Milton had a solid stringer of fish capped off with a nice four pound fish.

He started off the tournament on the shallow back side of the island. He was throwing a white modified Snagless Sally in-line spinner bait letting it tip the top of any short grass in about three to four feet of water. "They were really slamming the bait hard," he said. He caught four keepers and several dinks in this area before the bite died around 8:00. He stayed in the area for about another hour, but with no luck.

He then left and floated the area by the shallow shoal warning buoy in the big bay area across from the dam and next to the Stillhouse Park area. He caught a few dinks on a 3-X Strike King floating lizard, but was not having muck luck by the shoal. On one of the drifts, he let his boat keep drifting back into the bay closer to the park area. He found an area where the water depth increased suddenly to 10 to 12 feet, and his sonar showed a lot of fish. He drifted the area several times with no luck, but he stayed with it because he knew the fish were there.

About noon the fish turned on and he got his fifth fish. He was using a watermelon red Zoom Super Fluke on a medium Carolina rig. Over the next few hours he increased his fish quantity to twelve keepers. He also caught his big fish in this area. It was only a short drift area, but it was very productive.

### **Big Bass of the tournament Carl Adkins 6.60 lbs.**

It is about 2:30 and Carl and David are drifting the flat, while carrying on a conversation with Gary and Mike, who are also drifting the flats about 20 yards away. Suddenly Carl feels what he thinks is a fish. After going on point and playing feely feely with the fish, (if you have ever fished with Carl you know what I mean) Carl sets the hook. The rod bows dramatically, and all inquire "Do you have a fish?" "No, I am just hung in a stump," comes the reply. Carl pulls again, and about that time a large bass clears the water with a nice aerial flip about 40 yards out from the boat. "That's a pretty nice stump," came the laughing refrains from the other three. After a decent fight, another aerial jump about ten yards out from the boat (just so the fish could show the others how big she was), the net getting tangled in the reels on the deck, and a close brush with the fish getting into the wind sock, the battle was finally over as David raised the netted fish onto the deck of the boat.

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

The Stillhouse tournament produced seven limits, 61 fish, 106.81 lbs. of fish, for an average weight of 1.75 lbs per fish. Twenty-one club members and two guests participated, and caught an average of .29 keeper fish per hour. The tournament only produced one bass over five pounds. Several of the top stringers came from drifting Carolina rigs over medium deep flats.

Mike Riley felt a bite, and hooked a very nice fish. Apparently he has been taking lessons from David Hoedebeck, because unfortunately, after a good fight, it turned out to be a six pound gar.

Brian Washburn managed to break Milton Thomson small fish of the year record by weighing in a single fish for .97 lbs. Milton had previously held the record for the year with .99 lbs. from the February Lake Travis tournament. Remember these are largemouth bass.

Do you have a bar of soap? This was the question coming from Mike Riley and Gary Swenson's boat after having to repair a broken gas line. They had tried getting the smell off their hands with lake water and even washing their hands with Garlic fish attractant, but nothing had worked. A check of Gary's boat now, would yield a small tube of gojo hand cleaner and a pack of gojo fast wipes in the glove box. Not a bad idea for everyone.

Typical Tournament day for two guys from Wisconsin – Mike Tennant and a friend from Wisconsin, Todd Pauls, fished the lake on Friday and tore the fish up. Multiple keepers were found all over the lake. Tournament day and all that could be found were dinks. They did manage four keepers between them, but what a difference a day makes.

"I think I am hung on a stump!!!" (See story of big bass)

Jeremy Workman had a great top water bite going, early on Saturday. About a dozen fish fell victim to the enticing Sammy dancing across the top of the water, but there was one problem. Only one of them was over 14 inches long.

## ***TOURNAMENT Site, Date & Time...***

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**LAKE:** Canyon Lake      **DATE:** June 14<sup>th</sup>

**WEIGH-IN SITE:** Jacob's Creek (Area 1) behind Sun Chaser Marine

**FISHING TIME: 6:00 am to 3:00 p.m.**

### **For your information**

If you are at Amistad and you have trolling motor problems, you are in luck. Jerry's Troll-Motor Repair is a fisherman's friend. Recently on a trip to Amistad, Milton and Carl found themselves with a broken trolling motor. A quick trip to Jerry's, and they were back on the lake. He did not have the part that was broken, but he gave them a loaner trolling motor, at no charge, to use for two days until he could get the part to fix theirs. Most of the repair was covered by warranty, and the whole experience was very pleasant. He even told them to stay on the lake and fish, and he put their old trolling motor back on the boat at night after they came off the lake.

He is an authorized Minn-Kota and Motorguide Service center, and he has some good deals right now on Factory Rebuilt Minn-Kota 65, 74, and 101 trolling motors with various length shafts and some with built in transducers. Support some one who supports the fisherman.

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

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Events</b>
6-14-03	June Tournament
6-24-03	June Meeting
7-4-03	The Forth of July Holiday
7-12-03	July Tournament
7-29-03	July Meeting
8-9-03	August Tournament
8-26-03	August Meeting
9-6 & 7-03	TABC State Tournament at Amistad

## **New Member**

Jeff Holley joined the club at the last meeting after fishing the Stillhouse tournament. He had also fished, with Bob Dupras, the tournament that Mike Halfmann ran on Canyon. Jeff works for Goetting & Assoc., an engineering firm in the San Antonio area.

Jeff moved to San Marcos from Brenham about two years ago. He was about to join the bass club last year, but he was in an automobile accident and injured his neck and back. He was in the Houston Big Bass Club before he moved here, and is looking forward to getting back with a bass club. Jeff likes the competition, but his favorite part of the club is the way we share information at the meetings.

Jeff is married to Page and has three children: Madison, Karrissa, and Keaton. Welcome to the club Jeff, and we look forward to fishing with you.

**Full Live Wells and Big Limits,  
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**

**Let them know where you want to fish in July.**