



Meeting Attendance...

Twenty one members and eight guests attended the September meeting. Morgan and Michelle were the guests of Brian, Nicole was the guest of Mike, Jody was the guest of Gary, and Becky was the guest of Bob. Jason Mosqueda was the guest of Bob Jett and will be fishing with him at the next tournament. Gary Spencer and Norman Spencer were the guests of Mike Halfmann, and they are taking a look at the club.

Tim Cook started the meeting with a series of announcements. Bob Jett informed us of a benefit BarBQ for San Marcos High School student Brandon Austin. Mike Tennant thanked the helpers and brought us up-to-date on the fish weigh-in fund raiser. The Third Place TABC Team shared their experiences from the tournament. Milton asked all members to keep up on their dues. Brooks Kersh informed us about an upcoming Outdoor Sportsmen's Banquet. Andy asked someone to pick up the letters so we could complete the club plaques. Tim talked about his role on a committee, formed by Texas Parks & Wildlife, to set the guidelines for the sale of a new stamp to improve water habitat.

Mike Halfmann took the floor and informed us of the progress and needs of the upcoming Open Tournament. Flyers were given out for people to distribute, and jobs were assigned for the day of the tournament.

Tournament & "BIG BASS" Awards...

1st Place	Lance Wenmohs	5 fish	9.20 lbs.
2nd Place	Bob Jett	5 fish	8.68 lbs.
3rd Place	Eric Evans	4 fish	7.34 lbs.

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BIG BASS OF THE MONTH: Dean Smith 5.55lbs. at L.B.J.

Who got the best of L. B. J.?

First Place Lance Wenmohs 9.20 lbs.

Lance was nice enough to send me an e-mail concerning how he caught his fish on LBJ. It was so well written and full of information, I decided it couldn't be improved on or shortened. Thank You, Lance, for the following e-mail.

You have heard it said that "nothing substitutes for time on the water" and that is the only reason that I did so well. I spend a lot of time fishing LBJ and have learned a lot about the structure, cover (which docks hold fish and which don't) and fish habits over that time just like some of our other club members really know a lot about other lakes that I do not know half as well. I had a lot of confidence going in that I had found fish, yet had not "beat the fish up" in pre-fishing.

I fished up the CO. River. I put in at Kingsland so that I would be able to start fishing right at 7 am as opposed to making that long run from the dam. Having spent so much time on LBJ, I had a milk run of areas up the river laid out. These consisted of a stump field and reed patch located way, way up the river on your right, several "crappie" holes (i.e. sunken brush pile areas) that are located in the mouths of feeder creeks and off the end of some folks' boat docks, and 2 rock piles that always seem to hold fish.

I hit and rehit those hot spots and mustered a small limit including a couple of 12" Guadalupes by 10:30 am. I then spent the rest of the day trying and successfully replacing the Guad. bass with large mouth bass of larger size and weight. I managed to cull out the 2 Guad. with larger bass by 12:30 pm (when my trolling motor batteries started to fail). At that point, I was concerned about using the battery power I had to operate the live well system to keep my catch alive, so, I started working my way down river to make weigh-in on time.

All of my fish were caught in water over 10 ft. deep, above the FM 1431 bridge and I covered a lot of water (sometimes I fished the same water as many as 3 times because I knew there were fish there). All of my fish were caught on either 5 inch Senkos (Watermelon and Green Pumpkin), Yamamoto craw worms (watermelon red), or Stanley Finesse Jigs (watermelon green).

Second Place Bob Jett 8.68 lbs.

LBJ is one of Bob Jett's favorite lakes, and it rewarded him with a nice stringer of five fish during the tournament. Just like Lake Travis he pitched at the docks. According to Bob, "If it had a shadow, I threw at it." Bob started at the boat ramp and worked the shoreline into horseshoe bay. He moved around a little to hit a few of his hot spots, but he never went up lake past the lighthouse. "I probably didn't use up more than a couple of gallons of gas all day."

He caught about 10 fish with 6 keepers. "I was catching fish all day long." He spent most of the day fishing in water 10 feet deep or less. "The guadalupes gave a little jerk, but the blacks seemed to just pick it up, and then there would be resistance on the line." He spent most of his day fishing one of his favorite rigs, a weightless dark green craw worm fished on a spinning rig.

Bob had the second largest fish of the tournament, 4.54 pounds. "When the fish started taking drag, it was a good feeling."

On the report for the Travis tournament, I mistakenly reported that Bob was using 8lb. test line. The mistake wasn't caught until after the newsletter was mailed. Talking to Bob about the error, I told him I would correct it next month when he won the next tournament. Correction: Bob uses 15 lb test line.

Bob said the best quote of the day came from his partner, Eric. They had been catching small fish all morning, when Bob hooked up with his 4 ½ pound fish. When Eric saw how big it was, he said, "Where did that thing come from?"

Third Place Eric Evans 7.34 lbs.

Eric's day got off to a good start. He pulled two keeper blacks off the retaining wall between the ramp and the fancy house on the point with the rocks in the water. He was fishing a watermelon seed Yum Wooly Hawgtail on a wide gap hook.

His next keeper fish came on a watermelon seed Zoom Fluke. He had dyed the tail chartreuse, and was throwing it under a dock in the shade when the bite came. Bob and Eric spent most of the day throwing into the shady areas of docks and piers.

Eric said the best quote of the day came from his partner, Bob. There was only about 15 minutes left in the tournament and Eric and Bob were working some docks in the cove by the weigh-in. Eric had tried to cast under a low dock, but had backlashed. After clearing the backlash, he decided not to try the cast again because of all the wood under the dock. Bob said, "Go ahead and try, what do you have to lose? There are only a few minutes left to fish anyway." He made the cast, felt the bite, and pulled out his fourth, and biggest fish, of the tournament.

BIG BASS OF THE TOURNAMENT AND MONTH Dean Smith 5.55lbs. at L.B.J.

Dean caught this bass on a fluke at the edge of a reed bed. He was throwing a fluke, and it was his first keeper bass of the day. It was about 8:30 when he caught the bass.

Notes and Quotes from the Tournament

The tournament was attended by 21 fishermen and three guests. A total of 50 fish for 89.9 pounds were caught. That is one fish for ever 3.38 hrs. of fishing. The average fish weighed 1.80 pounds.

While fishing near the ramp, with only a few minutes left in the tournament, Eric Evans flipped his bait under a screened dock. There was so much timber under the dock, he almost didn't make the cast. Only a few seconds after the bait hit the water, he felt the tight line and set the hook. After fighting the fish around the timber, his fourth fish was in the boat. That fish moved him into third place for his first club plaque.

Leonard Miller says, "The ground seems to be getting harder." Leonard was moving a little slow after his recent fall. He was able to fish the tournament, but it was a little tough on his body. We were glad to see you fishing, Leonard, but give up the gymnastics, and stop trying to do flips. We prefer to see you fishing.

It was as different as night and day. David Hoedebeck, and his partner Chris, had fished a night tournament the week before with Chris' bass club. Between them they had 14 keepers in the night tournament. Between them in our tournament they had 4 keepers.

The lake LBJ beat out for September was Dunlop. After the rains, Brooks said it was pretty muddy. Maybe we made the right choice in going to LBJ.

Fisherman's prayer: "Lord, let me catch a fish so big, that when I tell my fishing buddies about it, I find no temptation to increase it's size."

Look at the standings, they are still close. Bob Jett took over first place both in weight and best eight points, but there are still a lot of fishermen in the hunt. Dean Smith is only two pounds behind Bob, and there are ten fishermen within closing distance. In the points standings for top six and top fourteen, it is really close. With some people still not having fished eight tournaments, there are 25 fishermen that could be in the top fourteen spots. A good example of how close the standings are; Dean Smith picked up 4 points for Big Bass of the Month. Those 4 points moved him up two places in the standings. The two day tournament at Amistad could clear things up, or some races could go into the December tournament.

It was good to see David Jordan Sr. back on the water with us.

OCTOBER TOURNAMENT Site, Date & Time...

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LAKE: Amistad **DATE: October 11th and 12th**
WEIGH-IN SITE: Back of the parking lot at the top of the Diablo East Ramp

FISHING TIME: *am to p.m.*

Saturday: 7:00 am to 5:00 pm (10 hrs.)
Sunday: 7:00 am to 2:00 pm (7 hrs.)
(Total 17 hrs.)

Important Notes on the tournament:

Note 1 (Don't forget, if you fish the Mexico side of the lake, you must have a Mexican Individual Fishing License and a Mexican Boat Permit.)

Note 2 There will be a social at the Angler's Lodge on Saturday Night. We should be eating about an hour after we leave the weigh-in area. Meet in the kitchen area. Mike Halfmann is taking care of all the food and eating utensils. The cost will be \$5.00 per person to be paid to Mike to offset the cost. BYOB. Come, relax, eat some grub, and swap fish stories about the ones you should have caught.

Note 3 See Lance Wenmohs before the start of the tournament if you are interested in a big fish pot. We have not done this in a while. It should be fun if we can get enough members to participate.

Note 4 There might still be some rooms available. Here are three possible places to stay. There are a lot of other motels in the area. See the internet for a complete listing.

Anglers Lodge 1-800-896-1586 or 830-775-1586 (Site of the Social)
Motel 6 830-774-2115
Amistad Lodge 830-775-8591

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

Third place at the State TABC Tournament - The team of Andy Labay, Stan Miller, Tim Cook, Gary Swenson, John Been, Jeremy Workman, Dean Smith, and Brooks Kersch won third place at the recent TABC State Tournament at Amistad. They had a total weight for the two days of over 50 lbs. The team was in third place after the first day of the tournament also. There were twenty teams at the tournament.

This is the highest the club has finished in the tournament in several years. Last year the team placed fifth. The guys received nice individual plaques and even a little check for their effort. Five of the eight won a prize at the drawing, with the best prize, as usual, being won by Tim Cook.

On the first day, Gary Swenson and John Been had the second heaviest stringer, and Stan Miller and Tim Cook had the third heaviest stringer. The team won \$700 for their efforts, that money after it is divided amongst the team members, should help offset the cost of the trip.

Weigh-In Fund Raiser a big success. - Mike Tennant would like to thank all the helpers who came out and helped with the tournament weigh-in at Travis, Saturday, 27th. This was a good fundraiser for the club. Tim and Laurie Cook, Mike and Nicole Tennant, Lance Wenmohs, Gary Swenson, John Been, Stan Miller, Kenneth Dees, Bobby Whiteside, Mike Katzer, and Milton Thompson: The club gives you a special THANK YOU.

Flyer Fold/Label/Stamp party - There will be a flyer "Get them in the mail" party at Carl Adkins house Tuesday, Oct. 7th, at 7:00 PM. If you can, come and help. It shouldn't take that long, if we can get enough of our members to help.

Carl Adkins
1020 Thousand Oaks Loop (Off Lime Kiln Rd.)
San Marcos
(512) 754-6933 (Call if you need directions or get lost.)

Work the Open Tournament - All the club members will be needed to work the Annual Open Tournament at Canyon Lake on Saturday, October 25. If you do not have a job assigned already, call Mike Halfmann, and he can tell you when and where you are needed. This is the club's one big fundraiser. Do your part and help.

San Marcos Outdoor Sportsman Banquet - There will be an Outdoor Sportsman Banquet in the San Marcos Activity Center at 7:00 PM on Friday October 24th. Jim Darnell is helping to sponsor the event. Jim is an ex-member and a long time supporter of the Canyon Bass Club. He writes an outdoor column for the San Marcos Daily Record and is a good friend of Bobby, Leonard, and several other members.

Barry St.Clar, the holder of the record for the largest bass caught in Texas, 18.18 lbs., will be one of the speakers. Randy Carroll a disc jockey for KJ97 will also be there. The Tickets are \$10.00 and cover a BarBQ dinner by Fuschaks, entertainment, drawing for door prizes, and the drawing for the grand prize (a Remington Model 870, 12 gauge shotgun).

Tickets can be purchased in advance at Fuschak's BarBQ, Amkon General, Barclay's Outdoor, and Adventure Arms. Brooks Kersh has tickets and more information. (830) 625-0888

CALENDAR of UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS...

Dates	Events
10-11 &12-03	October Out-of-Town Tournament at Amistad
10-25-03	Club Open Tournament on Canyon
10-28-03	October Meeting
11-8-30	November Tournament
11-25-03	November Meeting
12-13-03	December Tournament
12-30-03	December Meeting

**Have a great road trip and keep it between the lines,
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
Stan Miller
Mike Halfmann
Milton Thompson