



Logan's Roadhouse will be our regular meeting place. The club voted, at the end of the meeting, to make Logan's Roadhouse our regular meeting location. People felt that the food was good, the room was suitable, and the service was good. It will be nice to not have to be adjusting to new places every month. The next meeting will be 7:30, Tuesday, Sept 30th.

Meeting Attendance...

The meeting was attended by 24 members, 1 new member, and 9 guests for a total of 34 people. Michael T. Mashl was a guest of Dick Bolin, Greg Gomez and Jake Rodriguez were guests of Eric Evans and Dean Smith, and Mike Basham was a guest of Bob Jett. Lorrie Cook, Nicole Tennant, Michelle Washburn, and Morgan Washburn were guests of their respective husbands/fathers.

The final step in the constitutional changes took place with the club approving all the constitutional changes that were published in the last newsletter. The club also voted to delay the effective date of the amendment that eliminates the minimum size for a big bass at a club tournament until the January 2004 tournament. Again, a special thanks to the tournament committee and to all the members for their cooperation in this process. A copies of the new constitution will be published soon.

Tim Cook gave a report on the thrill of attending the BASS Master Classic, and passed out a neat book on Keeping Bass Alive. (I like the title, because it assumes I have caught some bass to keep alive.) Tim had some neat pictures of the classic activities including one of him and Ikie holding the big trophy. Missing was the picture of Tim on Bourbon Street. You know, the one where he is saying, "I didn't know I was drunk, until I stepped on my fingers."

Mike Halfmann was not able to attend the meeting to give a report on the Open Tournament, but the update is that we are hurting for sponsors. There may be a problem with the title sponsor and there are several other sponsorship slots that need to be filled. If anyone can think of someone who could be a sponsor, contact them quickly, and then call Mike. We are running of time.

The web committee gave a report. They are working on getting the web listed in more search engines. Gary Swenson asked that any members who have suggestions on improving the web site, please, send him, or Bob Jett, an E-Mail. Members, keep it realistic. We have no full time web master being paid to keep up the site.

Mike Tennant needs help in running a weigh-in on Sept.27th at Tournament Point on Travis. This is a fund raiser for the club. If you can help, contact Mike.

Harry Beaman, who attended the last meeting and fished the Travis tournament, was voted into the club. Harry lives with his wife Michelle in Maxwell, and works at J.C. Delivery in Buda. Harry has been bass fishing for about 10 years, but this is his first bass club. He fishes out of a 19 foot Sprint. We are glad to have Harry as a member of our club.

TOURNAMENT & "BIG BASS" Awards...

1st Place	Bob Jett	3 fish	6.20 lbs.
2nd Place	John Marshall	3 fish	5.05 lbs.
3rd Place	Andy Labay	3 fish	4.12 lbs.

BIG BASS OF THE TOURNEY None

BIG BASS OF THE MONTH 5.20:lbs. by Tim Cook at Lake Austin

Who found fish over 14" on Travis

First Place: Bob Jett with 3 for 6.20 lbs.

Bob got his boat fixed just in time to find fish on Travis. "I was beating the living tar out of boat docks, but with no success. Then I remembered that Stan told me one time to always throw at the shore sides of the docks." About 9:00 Bob switched his flips from the deep end of the docks, to the walkways leading out into the docks. He was throwing a Watermelon/Red Fluke with a chartreuse dyed tail.

On the first cast at the next dock, a nice 2 ½ lb. black took the fluke. "I felt nothing. There was only resistance on the line." Setting the hook the fight was on. Remember, to pitch to the walkways of these docks one has to pitch over cables. The fish got Bob into the cable, but Bob was able to lift the fish over the cable and over the boat. Before he could lower the fish into the boat, it came off the hook; but, luckily it fell into the bottom of the boat. When Bob looked at his line, it was terribly frayed for about a foot up the line.

After retying, and fishing that dock a little longer, he proceeded to the next dock. First toss, again resistance. A quick set of the hook, and the second bass was on the way to the boat. This same system worked again a little while later at the back end of the canyon around some submerged timber. By 10:00, Bob had his three fish.

Bob caught his fish in Little Devils Hollow. This is a little cove on the north side of the lake between mile markers 7 and 8. He was throwing the fluke weightless with a 5/0 Owners worm hook on 15 lb. line using a spinning rod.

Second Place: John Marshall with 3 for 5.05 lbs.

It was only John's second time on the lake, and he said he wasted a lot of time in the dark trying to find an area out from the ramp he wanted to fish. Around daylight he found his area, and started casting his top water popper. He managed to catch one gar, and he saw several other nice gars in the area, but no bass.

Around 8:00 he went up lake to the big island in the mouth of Sandy Creek. Fishing around the island, he managed to catch his first, and biggest, bass. He caught the bass on a Lucky Craft Top Water Popping bait. He continued to work the island, but with no success. Finally he ventured up the lake, or at least he thought he was going up the lake. He was actually going into Sandy Creek.

He stopped in the cove on the right between the marina and the water intake plant (Four giant pipes running up the hill). Pitching a 4" Slider Motor Oil worm into about one foot of water, he picked up his next fish. He thought he set the hook hard, but after he got the fish into the boat, he realized how lucky he was. The hook was only barely caught inside the fish's mouth. One more good jump or pull, and the fish would have probably swum away.

Around 11:00 he pulled in his third bass throwing the same Slide worm near the man made rock covered dykes around the marina by Volente Beach Water Park.

Third Place: Andy Labay with 3 for 4.12 lbs.

Andy caught his first fish in the dark. His second fish came right before daylight on a pink floating worm. His last keeper came right after day light on a Tiny Brush Hog using 4 pound test line. "Our bite was over early."

Notes and Quotes from the tournament:

Travis was a slow tournament. But, it was August, and it was hot. We caught 25 fish weighing 35.2 pounds. There were 25 members and three guests that fished the tournament. We caught .128 fish per hour, or one fish for every 8 hours fishing. The average fish weighed 1.40 pounds. A lot of Guadalupe or spotted bass were caught, and we had four fishermen with weights of under one pound. No fisherman weighed more than three fish.

Check the standings! This tournament did little to help break the log jam for end of the year club honors. The races for Top Six, Top Fourteen, and Angler of the year are tighter than ever. With only four tournaments left to go, no one seems to be able to pull away from the pack. There are only 3 ½ points between first and second in the points race. Eight people are within ten pounds of the leader in the pounds race, and there is only ½ pound between first and second. Over 20 members have a good shot at placing in the top fourteen. Who knows how the top six will line up? It looks to be a very competitive fall.

"I didn't vote for this lake." Comment from one of the many zero producers.

Conversation overheard at weigh-in:

"Well I have six pounds Stan. Where will that put me?"

Stan, "That puts you in first place."

"Your pooping* me." *(Edited for our younger readers.)

Records were being shattered for the years smallest bass weight. First, Brian Washburn broke his own record, of .97 lbs., that he currently held from Stillhouse. He broke that record by weighing in a non-whopper at .92 lbs. Before he could even celebrate, Milton Thompson brought to the scale a mini-monster going only .82 lbs. To refresh our memories, Milton had previously held the record for several months with a .99 lb keeper from the Travis February Tournament. This is turning into a two man race, but there are still four months to go.

There was a little wait to load the boats, but some members said they, "Tolerated the delay by enjoying the nice eye candy". What ever that is???

It was nice to have Steve Magnelia fishing with us again. It was also nice to see Harry Beeman bring in his 2 ½ lb fish on his first tournament with the club. Here is hoping Harry will join us at the next meeting. (Update: He did). It was also nice to see David Jordan back at a tournament.

TOURNAMENT Site, Date & Time...

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LAKE: LBJ DATE: September 13th
WEIGH-IN SITE: Cottonwood Ramp (at Wirtz Dam)

FISHING TIME: _7:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Directions to Lake L. B. J. (by Kenneth Dees)

From Austin:

Take State highway 71 west to U.S. Highway 281 north. Turn right on 281 and drive through Blanco and Johnson City to Marble Falls. Turn Left on F.M. 2147 at the traffic light in Marble Falls before you cross the bridge. Drive west on 2147 for 4 miles. Follow the signs for L.B.J. Yacht Club & Marina and when you get to the parking lot stay to your left. Park in the row nearest to the ramp.

From San Marcos:

Take R. R. 12 - R.R. 32 north to U. S. Highway 281 north. Turn right on 281 and drive through Blanco and Johnson City to Marble Falls. Turn Left on F. M. 2147 at the traffic light in Marble Falls before you cross the bridge. Drive west on 2147 for 4 miles. Follow the signs for L.B.J. Yacht Club & Marina and when you get to the parking lot stay to your left. Park in the row nearest to the Ramp.

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

Good Luck Guys at the TABC State Tournament - Eight members of the Canyon Bass Club are heading down to Amistad to represent the club at the TABC State Tournament. The tournament will be September 6th & 7th. Stan Miller, John Been, Gary Swenson, Tim Cook, Jeremy Workman, Brooks Kersch, Dean Smith, and Captain Andy Labay will make up the Canyon Bass Club Team. Good fishing to all, and may each of you catch a 5 lb.+ fish.

A Line in Jay Yelas' Book that I can't get out of my Head - There is one line in Jay Yelas' book that I think best describes many bass fishermen. He was talking about his fishing buddy Brad and himself and their frequent trips to Hook, Line, and Sinker Tackle Shop. ".....frequent visits and spent most of our hard-earned grass-cutting money on fishing gear. Brad and I were slow learners but 'fast accumulators'."

New Fishing License As of September 1, 2003 - Get out your wallet, pay the man, and be ready to fish. September 1st is the date that a new fishing license is required. If you don't have your new license by the time you read this, don't go fishing until you get one.

Pay your Dues. They are due. The dues for the last half of the year must be paid by the September meeting or your membership will expire. If you have not seen Milton Thompson at the meeting or called him (512) 268-4762, please do so. Also, don't forget to pay your tournament fees. If they go unpaid for three months, you lose your tournament points.

We are taking it on the road – The October tournament will be at Lake Amistad on Saturday, October 11th, and Sunday, October 12th. The times for the tournament will be decided at the next meeting. Some of the members will be camping and others will stay in motels. Listed are a couple of motels in the order that most of our members usually prefer.

Anglers Lodge 1-800-896-1586 or 830-775-1586
Motel 6 830-774-2115
Amistad Lodge 830-775-8591

An apology to the newer members of the club. It probably seemed to many that the decision to go out-of-town in October was pre-decided in some cigar smoke filled back room. The way things happened, that would be the impression one would get. Here is some additional information.

In the constitution, it says an additional two-day tournament may be held, at the discretion of the club members, and that this additional two-day tournament may be greater than the 150 mile radius or less than the 150 mile radius. The 150 mile radius is the distance limit for regular tournaments.

For the past few years, we have always had an additional two-day tournament in the fall. Some years it was an out-of-town tournament, and some years it was within the 150 mile radius. Last year it was at Lake Austin, and the year before it was Amistad. Usually this tournament has been held in October. It also works best if this decision and the lake or decided on at least two months in advance to give members an opportunity to make reservations and travel plans.

Some years the tournament committees have polled the members to see if they wished to have the optional two-day tournament. Other years a request has come from the floor. This tournament committee made the interpretation that the request for a two-day tournament would have to come from the floor. Knowing that, if we were to go out-of-town for a two-day tournament in October, the decision on lakes needed to be made at the August meeting. The tournament committee was prepared. They had selected two lakes for an out-of-town tournament and two lakes for a two-day tournament within the 150 mile radius.

Therefore, when a motion was made from the floor to have a two-day out-of-town tournament, the tournament committee was prepared.

The mechanics for making this decision might be an area where we still need to put some guidelines in place.

Add to Your Address and Telephone List

Harry Beaman

Eric Evans

Jacob Gwin

Jeff Holley

John Marshall

Alan Miller

CALENDAR of UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS...

Dates	Events
9-1-03	New Fishing License required
9-6&7-03	TABC State Tournament at Amistad
9-13-03	September Tournament
9-30-03	September Meeting
10-11 &12-03	October Out-of-Town Tournament at Amistad
10-25-03	Club Open Tournament on Canyon
10-28-03	October Meeting

**Fall Fishing fantacizing ,
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

Mike Halfmann

Stan Miller

Milton Thompson