

LAKE MURRAY SENIORS BASS CLUB

MAY 2010

MAY BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting was held on the 19th at Macedonia Church. 54 members were in attendance. Our president, David Larrabee, presided over the meeting.

—A 50/50 drawing was held for \$75 and Dick Haug was the winner.

—David had a meeting with Ranger Jones after our weigh-in in April and was told that we must register our tournaments. David wrote Ranger Seth but had not received an answer. We will have to see what happens in the future.

—David also reminded the members to bring their own weigh-in bags and to return fish to the main lake.

—The club voted no on participating in the Seniors TV Show on Channel 10.

—David reminded everyone participating about the Yard Sale @ Trucky's on the 22nd.

—Sammy Crouch has volunteered to be the guy for hats, shirts, jackets and embroidery work. Sammy will have some hats at the next meeting and is looking into some T-Shirts with the club emblem.

—The "Take A Vet" fishing outing was held on the 15th and was a huge success. Thanks to everyone who provided a boat and a special thanks to Marvin Brown for being the point man. It was covered by WISTV and was aired on the 20th.

—Foote Tate has been diagnosed with melanoma and a decision is to be made on how to proceed.

—In the May "one on one", there were 23 participants and Bud Dalton was the winner with 11.32 pounds. Sam Gray was second and John Callahan had the big fish.

—The results of our April Tournament were as follows: James Fulmer and Clint DeBrand won with 14.77 pounds; Sam Gray and Ken Sullivan were second with 13.88 pounds; David Larrabee and Dick Haug were third with 12.74 pounds. James and Clint had the big fish at 7.34 pounds. It was reported that all teams were fishing worms or shaky heads.

—Dave McClintic offered our blessing and lunch was served.

—David and Sam Gray then conducted the draw for our May Tournament. Twenty Nine boats and fifty seven members are scheduled to blast off at 6:15 with weigh in at 12:15.

—The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is on June 16th

@ 11:00 @ Macedonia Church.

Menu will be roast beef, rice & gravy, lima beans, sliced tomatoes, and rolls.

Cost is \$7.00 per person.

A Message to Members from Your President

I have asked Jim to include this message in the monthly newsletter so that every member will receive it. Not everyone who fishes the tournament comes to the business meeting, but everyone does get a newsletter. Now if someone doesn't read it, there is nothing I can do about that.

At May's tournament we still had members parking their boats at the end of the gas dock. As you know, the park has told us not to do that. All of the dock space was filled. Because of this, an individual who was not a member had launched his large boat alone, and thus could not dock his boat so he could move his trailer from the ramp. I am happy to say a member saw this problem and got one of us to move. We need to get to the park 30 to 45 minutes ahead of launch time. Boaters should park in a space and wait for their partner. If your partner can't help with the launching of your boat, please put your boat in, tie up, park your trailer and then you and your partner need to move away from the dock.

At the weigh-in, at least six people left their trash behind, including a large, leaky fish bag, even though there were four trash cans right there. I picked up the trash before the nearby rangers said anything, so that problem was avoided. But I think I have found the reason for us failing to police ourselves. And that problem is me.

I believe I made a mistake when I volunteered to be the parking and tournament police. Maybe because I volunteered to keep an eye on things, some members felt it was just my responsibility to take care of problems. Last month, members came up to me and told me about situations, and I found myself running around the parking lot and the dock, trying to avoid an incident. What should be happening is that all of the club members should help "police" problems before they get reported to the Park Office. So, because of this, I hereby resign...as the tournament police.

As individual members of the club, we should all be policing ourselves and anyone else who "forgets" what the club has agreed to do. If it is not important to you and we get moved to the tournament side of the park (as was threatened), then so be it. I can only speak for myself. Believe it or not, I enjoy you guys and our tournaments, and I would hope our present set up remains as is. I think most of you feel the same way. So as an individual member who supports the club's decision to behave in a responsible manner, I will do my part and I hope you will do yours too.

Tournament Results

Our May 2010 tournament was held on the 20th out of Billy Dreher State Park and 57 members participated. Twenty nine boats departed at 6:15 on a nice, but windy, morning. The results were 122 fish caught at an approximate weight of 234 pounds. There were eighteen limits caught. However, there were ten dead fish.

The winner's were:

First Place:	Sammy Crouch and Joe Slade	5 Fish	14.06 pounds
Second Place:	Skip Parker and Jesse Moore	5 Fish	13.81 pounds
Third Place:	Earl Mueller and John Krause	5 Fish	12.41 pounds
Fourth Place:	Don Sky and Russ Lineberry	5 Fish	12.17 pounds
Fifth Place:	Sam Gray and John Callahan	5 Fish	11.65 pounds
Sixth Place:	Jock Prestigiacomo and Billy Howell	5 Fish	11.35 pounds
Sixth Place:	John Berta and Charlie Smith	5 Fish	11.35 pounds
Eighth Place:	Jim Cushman and Burl Fleming	5 Fish	11.27 pounds
Ninth Place:	Bud Dalton and Tom Weigand	5 Fish	11.12 pounds
Tenth Place:	Dave Slaughter and Joe Fleming	5 Fish	10.17 pounds
Big Fish:	Rich Gerken and Clint DeBrand	4.96 pounds	

Congratulations!!!

Next Tournament is June 17th

Tournament Director News

The next "one on one" will be held on June 10th from 6:15 —1:15.
Please bring some change for the entry fee; i.e., two 10's or a 10 and two 5's.

Rules for the "one on one":

1. Tournament fee is \$20 per person of which \$5 goes to Big Fish.
2. A seven hour tournament starting at Safe Light or time designated by the TD.
3. If you fish with a partner, fish must be separate at all times.
 4. If you come in late, you are disqualified.
 5. A quarter pound penalty for a dead fish.
 6. A pound penalty for a short fish.
7. Pay out is as follows: 1—9 participants, 100%; 10—15 participants, 60% and 40%; 16 participants and over, 50%, 30%, and 20%.

NEED REPAIRS

Earl Greenaway has all the parts to repair Minn Kota and Motor Guide Trolling Motors. He also does reels and rods. Give Earl a call at 796-1262 or 315-0939 (Cell).

INTERSTATE BATTERIES

Buddy's Marine is making batteries available to our bass club only for the following prices:

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