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January 2009

Since 1984:

Celebrating 25 years

PREZ SAYS:

We could not have asked for a better day for the Classic Championship on Lake Graham. It started out a little cold, if you consider 26 degrees cold. If you asked most people there, the fish had lockjaw all day, but some nice fish made it to weigh-in. Congratulations to Mark Wendler for taking first place with a 6.42-pound stringer. Bill Smith weighed in 6.01 pounds for second, and Roger Malone took third with 5.95 pounds. Rounding out the top 10 was Jimmie Moreland, Mike Browning, Randy Williams, Gary Ables, Bart Gavit, Linda Koch and Elaine Barnes. Congratulations to everyone!

We presented the check from the St. Jude's Tournament for \$7200.00 at the December meeting. We even made the Fort Worth Star-Telegram on that. You can see my pretty mug in the picture! There is a link to the article from our home page on the web site.

We addressed the problems with the three rule changes. Two passed, one did not. The new rules and constitution are available on the web site also.

Our Annual Banquet will be January 8, 2009 at the Dixie House Cafe on Hulen St at South Dr. This meeting is where we induct new officers and board member. We will also be presenting all trophies for yearly awards and have a huge raffle drawing.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Remember...life jackets and kill switches save lives.

Jeff Granger

Congratulations to the Bass Club of Fort Worth on it's: **25th Anniversary!**

There are a few active members left of the original group that started this club. The few I know of are: Carl Koch, Robby Koch and James Bayless. A nice, THANK YOU to them for protecting the club from being like a lot of others: defunked. There are other LONG-term members, and they should to be accredited for their loyalty and support. I wish I could list you all, and I hope I may speak for the club: THANK YOU, too.

As I have heard: Al Kidd started this club as The Mini Bass Boat Club back in 1984, James Bayless was the first president. The first tournament was a card draw finish at Benbrook, as no fish were weighed in. Carl Koch keeps in contact with one of the original members that stated back in 1984, "This club won't last.", and never forgets to remind him that this club is still going. The club has set a new membership record of 141 in 2008.

The club has gone through some adversities and some great things as the years progressed. The club members has participated and supported many events. The most current are; North Texas Bass Federation, Casting Kids, donated to many charities, and has teamed with Coors to host the first and very successful St. Jude's Bass Tournament in November of 2008. There are many other items, to many to mention in this to short of a space that this club has accomplished.

I can say, "I have only been a member since 2001 and very proud of it." I have met many good people through the club; some are good friends and I consider all of you a friend. As I have stated in all the newsletters: "Without good members, good clubs as ours don't survive." I only hope this is an exceptionally silver year for the Bass Club of Forth Worth and may the club be here for another 25 years.

Thank You All:

Jim Phillips; Newsletter Editor

LAST MEETING IN A NUTSHELL

- ✚ Next meeting is January 8th at 7:00 PM. It will be held at the Dixie House Café at the intersection of South Hulen Street and South Drive. You can take I-20 to Hulen Street, go south. It will be on the left in the same shopping center as Half-Price Books. Please contact David Mulcahy, Donna Gwin, or Roger Malone if you plan on attending, so if you do come they have enough food for everybody
- ✚ I'm sure we all would like to wish John Ball a very healthy get well. Information is; he is doing well, and we hope your back holding that fishing pole very soon.
- ✚ The Board Meeting will be January 22nd. Anyone interested in seeing how we operate may attend the meeting. Meeting time is 7:30 PM. at Sammie's BBQ on Belnap Street.
- ✚ Web site: Banner fees are \$3.00 per month with 6 month minimum, \$36.00 for the year, or with link to their web site is \$76.00 per year (no monthly fee available with link). The web site domain is: <http://www.bcfw.org>

New officers for 2009 are as follows:

Congratulations: you are of an elite group this year as being officers of the club's 25th Anniversary Year.

- ❖ President - Jeff Granger
- ❖ Vice-President - Bill Smith
- ❖ Recorder/Secretary - Tracy Wendler
- ❖ Treasurer - Jim Justus
- ❖ Membership Director - Mark Wendler
- ❖ Tournament Director - Tim Johnson
- ❖ Assistant Tournament Directors - Elaine Barnes, Roger Malone
- ❖ News Letter Editor - Jim Phillips
- ❖ Web Master - Donna Gwin
- ❖ Sergeant at Arms - Mike Fulkerson
- ❖ Board Members at Large: Claude Barnes, Mike Browning, Gerald Coggins, Carol Coggins, Daniel Kammerdiener, and Herschel Smith
- ❖ Board Members Emeritus: John Ball, James Bayless, Carl Koch, Danny Leatherman, and David Mulcahy.

- ✚ The Coors/BCFW Tournament for St. Jude's Children's Hospital at Lake Lewisville was a success. A check for \$7200.00 was presented to Amy Butts, who represented St. Judes. Thank you to all who helped with the tournament. There was a very nice picture of the check presentation in the Fort Worth Star Telegram.
- ✚ Thanks to Brian Clark for the excellent visit with a great question and answer period. Brain is a representative and sponsored by Moritz Chevrolet.
- ✚ The Arlington Fishing Show is a GO. Volunteers are welcome as usual. It will be January 8 through 11th. We are looking for helpers again. Call or email David Mulcahy for volunteer times you would be available to help.
- ✚ We are at 141 members at this time! Remember: Without good members, good clubs as ours don't survive.
- ✚ The regular tournament fees are \$20.00, including Big Bass pot entry of \$5.00, and may be paid at the ramp or preferred method - at the meeting. When paying at the ramp, pay your fee first, and then get a weigh in bag before bringing up your fish, the fishing rules indicates there must be enough water in your bag to sustain your fish. (Rule # 16)
- ✚ The men's 6 lb. pot is \$2.00, ladies 6 lb. stringer is \$5.00. These two pots must be paid at the meeting.
- ✚ FOR SALE:
An old member: Sarge is selling: 817-237-5145, 817-602-8340
87/88 Allegro motor home, new 454 motor (1500 miles max), 34-36', stored 5-7 years: \$10,000.
199? Express, 21', 175 Yamaha (1-1/2 hours), new interior, dual trailer, stored 7 years under cover: \$12,500.

EDITORS COMMENTS

Please let the Membership Director and I know if your personal information - especially home or email address - has changed. We need these to keep our records up to date. This year I'm stressing that you use your computer to access or print the newsletter. I will continue to send out emails as normal and we have a printable newsletter available on the web site. I'm stopping regular mailings if you have an email address to help save on stamps and printing costs. If you have a concern with this, please, let me know.

If you would like to have, something announced in the newsletter or if you have a problem with receiving it, please, let me know. Catch me at a meeting, send an email to newsletter7656@aol.com, or call 817-444-7480 and leave a message.

Thank you; Jim Phillips

HORSES PATOOT

By the way Dan Davenport: There is a reason we have length limit rules and that is to **prevent** SMALL fish from being weighed in, and if you don't like that \$300.00 rod and reel, feel free to give it to me, don't kick it into 8' of water.

BASS FEDERATION NEWS

Bring 2009 dues to the December meeting!

Signing up for the 2009 Federation can be done at the January meeting. Membership is \$34, I will have the forms at the meeting.

If you need any information regarding the BASS Federation, contact David Mulcahy (817) 219-3359 or James Bayless (817) 996-0680.

The First Tournament of 2009

January 17th at Lake Granbury

Launch is Rough Creek

16" Minimum Limit

Eagle Mountain is the back-up lake

Please call tournament director or his assistants BEFORE 8:00 PM on Friday if you pre-paid and cannot make it. Please pre-pay at meeting or sign in at mailbox before fishing. Be on time at **3:30** weigh in and inform the director or assistant you are present. Please sign out at mailbox or let someone know if you leave early, thank you. Just a couple of RE-REMINDERS: ALL state, local, lake laws, and 2007 club rules apply. The club is NOT responsible for your actions in these situations if fines are levied down due to non-compliance of the laws. Rule #16: There will be a 3 fish limit, unless lake rules demand less. Each contestant must bring ONLY 3 fish to weigh in. Fish shall be in weigh-in bags or containers with sufficient water to keep fish in good condition until they are released. Failure to do so shall result in a 1-pound penalty.

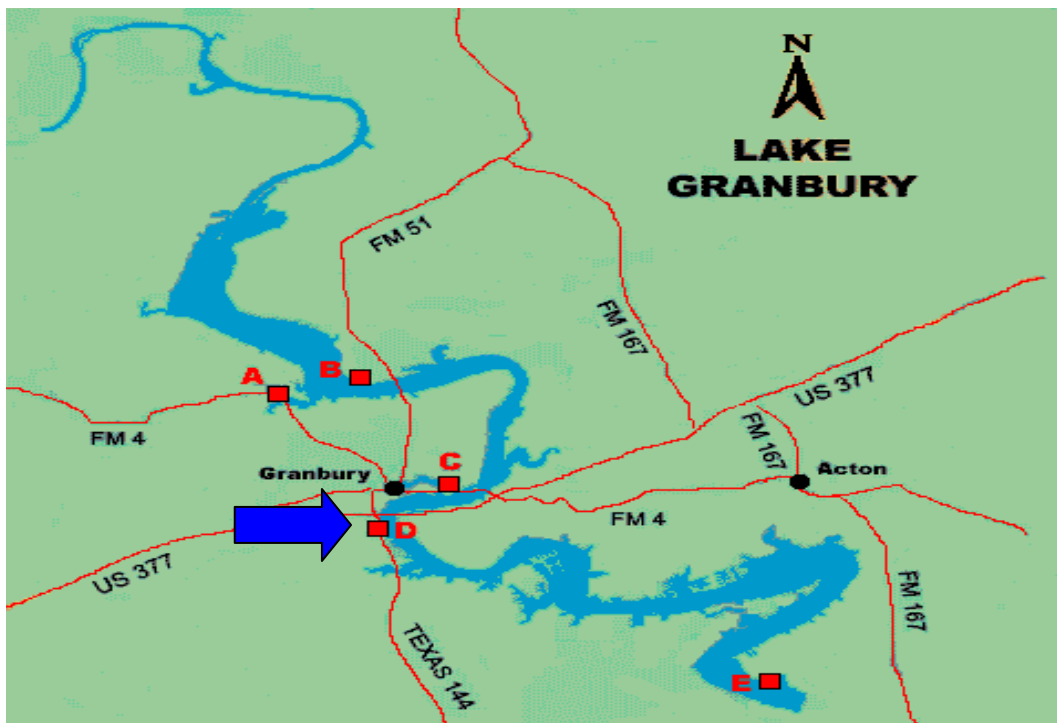
Tim Johnson, Tournament Director, would like to remind everyone:

1. If you pay at the ramp, Please, **PAY BEFORE** you weigh in your stringer!
2. If you do not have your running lights on and they **MUST** be on until dawn: elimination of the tournament (also a State law)
3. Stay out of NO BOAT AREAS; first time: warning, second time: elimination of the tournament. (Also a State law)
4. Must be 50' from a swimming area, you cannot tie up to the buoys.
5. Please: OBSERVE NO WAKE AREAS.
6. **If you fish and leave early without paying, you are responsible to pay at the next meeting for that tournament.** Please notify the tournament director or a tournament assistant before you leave.

D. Rough Creek Park

Located off Texas 144 just south of Granbury.

Ramp will accommodate all boat types, no fee required, Open all year, Operated by the Brazos River Authority
(817) 573-3212



DATE	December 6, 2008	LAKE	GRAHAM
46	FISHED TOURNAMENT		
6	ANGLERS HAD 3 FISH LIMIT	21	FISHERMEN CAUGHT
36	FISH WEIGHING	65.75	LBS. AVERAGE WEIGHT PER FISH 1.83 LBS.

TOURNAMENT

1 st	WENDLER, MARK	6.42 LBS.
2 nd	SMITH, BILL	6.01 LBS.
3 rd	MALONE, ROGER	5.95 LBS.
4 th	MORELAND, JIMMIE	5.91 LBS.
5 th	BROWNING, MIKE	5.59 LBS.
6 th	WILLIAMS, RANDY	4.67 LBS.
7 th	ABLES, GARY	4.61 LBS.
8 th	GAVIT, BART	3.37 LBS.
9 th	KOCH, LINDA	3.17 LBS.
10 th	BARNES, ELAINE	1.93 LBS.

HEAVY STRINGER OF THE YEAR MEN'S

SKAGGS, CHARLES 13.67 LBS.

HEAVY STRINGER OF THE YEAR WOMEN'S

BARNES, ELAINE 9.23 LBS.

BIG BASS

1 st	BROWNING, MIKE	4.17 LBS.
2 nd	WENDLER, MARK	3.67 LBS.
3 rd	MALONE, ROGER	2.93 LBS.

BIG BASS OF THE YEAR MEN'S

KELLY, SCOTT 7.51 LBS.

BIG BASS OF THE YEAR WOMEN'S

BARNES, ELAINE 4.70 LBS.

TOP TWENTY

		POINTS	WEIGHT
1 st	GRANGER, JEFF	1022.00	47.21
2 nd	MULCAHY, DAVID	994.00	40.25
3 rd	MALONE, ROGER	982.00	48.82
4 th	BARNES, CLAUDE	963.00	37.23
5 th	MURRAY, MIKE	922.00	29.83
6 th	JOHNSON, TIM	913.00	28.46
7 th	WENDLER, MARK	907.00	25.41
8 th	KELLY, SCOTT	906.00	37.21
9 th	SMITH, BILL	888.00	23.98
10 th	WILLIAMS, RANDY	885.00	24.37
11 th	COGGINS, GERALD	873.00	23.46
12 th	JOHNSON, MATT	866.00	25.13
13 th	PANNELL, MICHEAL	865.00	26.14
14 th	McCULLOUGH, BOBBY	863.00	18.05
15 th	GOSSETT, DONNY	860.00	23.68
16 th	BARNES, ELAINE	857.00	25.26
17 th	KOCH, CARL	849.00	19.92
18 th	BURTON, MIKE	844.00	20.95
19 th	ALDERT, BOB	840.00	23.83
20 th	FULKERSON, MIKE	839.00	21.12

NEXT TWENTY

		POINTS	WEIGHT
21 st	COGGINS, CAROLE	837.00	19.23
22 nd	TAFT, BOBBY	834.00	21.98
23 rd	GAVIT, BART	828.00	31.09
24 th	BROWNING, MIKE	822.00	20.00
25 th	McCULLOUGH, WAYNE	821.00	17.96
26 th	GERATH, BERNIE	810.00	24.11
27 th	JUSTUS, JIM	806.00	16.56
28 th	CHEATHAM, JEFF	789.00	18.00
29 th	KAMMERDIENER, DANIEL	772.00	19.18
30 th	CHALOUPA, FRANK	755.00	11.80
31 st	TOONE, JOE	753.00	20.28
32 nd	GOFF, STAN	745.00	13.87
33 rd	WENDLER, TRACY	719.00	6.98
34 th	GAVIT, GREG	693.00	12.84
35 th	BRATTEN, LEVIN	685.00	12.93
36 th	SMITH, HERSCHEL	678.00	14.74
37 th	GWIN, DONNA	670.00	3.07
38 th	MURRAY, RICHARD	665.00	11.85
39 th	MABRY, MIKE	651.00	17.78
40 th	ABLES, GARY	649.00	26.55

LADY ANGLER

		POINTS	WEIGHT
1 st	BARNES, ELAINE	857.00	25.26
2 nd	COGGINS, CAROLE	837.00	19.23
3 rd	WENDLER, TRACY	719.00	6.98
4 th	GWIN, DONNA	670.00	3.07
5 th	PULLAR, SHIRLEY	582.00	8.22
6 th	KOCH, LINDA	519.00	6.29
7 th	LEE, CHRISTI	411.00	16.59
8 th	NICHOLS, LINDA	125.00	0.00
9 th	JOHNSON, JENNIFER	111.00	1.33
10 th	ENGLEKE, ASHLEE	90.00	0.00

BASS FEDERATION

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1 st	MULCAHY, DAVID	994.00	40.25
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8 th	TOONE, JOE	753.00	20.28
9 th	GOFF, STAN	745.00	13.87
10 th	REYES, JOHNNY	624.00	18.86

NEXT TOURNAMENT

GRANBURY

HOURS

6:00 AM TO 3:30 PM

DATE

January 17, 2009

January 2009

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 	2 NO MEETING! See the 8TH 	3
4	5	6	7	8 Banquet at Dixie House <hr/> Arlington Fishing Show	9 Arlington Fishing Show	10 Arlington Fishing Show
11 Arlington Fishing Show	12	13	14	15	16	17 1 st Club Tournament Granbury 6:00 to 3:30
18	19	20	21	22 Board Meeting At Sammie's 7:30 PM	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31