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# NBAD Tackle Box

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EVERY THING IS IN IT OR IT ISN'T BASS NEWS

This is the first issue of the NBAD's own newsletter through which it is hoped to build up interest in the NBAD and promote attendance at both local and national BASS tournaments. The newsletter will be issued from time to time as enough news accumulates. Enough copies will be mailed to known BASS clubs so that each of their members can have a copy. New BASS clubs will be added to the mailing list as they become known. Because of the cost of postage, no copies will be mailed direct--BASS clubs will be asked to be responsible for circulating the newsletter.

We would like to have news items from the clubs. Local tournament results will be welcome. Send them in to Fred Murphy, Publicity Director, NBAD, 102 South Annie, Olathe, Kansas 66061.

Missouri's Table Rock Lake proved too tough a challenge to the entrants in the 3rd Annual National Bass Association of the Deaf Tournament June 13, 14, and 15, 1978. An imposing flotilla of 41 boats of all sizes and descriptions, each carrying two BASS fishermen, probed every cove and inlet of the big lake with only mediocre success. And, when the final totals were announced the first place winners had only 4 legal sized BASS (15 inches) weighing 8 lbs. 14 oz. to show for three days of hard work.

Despite the failure of the BASS to cooperate, everyone agreed that this was the best tournament ever. In addition to the 82 contestants, there were many families and friends who came to enjoy themselves while the tournament was in progress. A conservative estimate placed the total attendance around 250 in all. The site chosen for the 3rd Annual NBAD Tournament was in close proximity to many scenic and recreational spots and the non-contestants found plenty to do while the tournament entries were out on the lake "doing their thing".

Three nearby resorts were booked solid and there were some who camped out or lived in their mobile homes or vans.

This year's entry list was up from last year's. The first tournament (1976) attracted 62 entrants; the second (1977) 74; and the third (1978) upped the record to 82. Texas continued to send the most entrants, 40 in 1976; 42 in 1977; and 22 in 1978. Louisiana was second in 1976 and 1977, but slipped to third in 1978 as Kansas jumped to second after being third in 1976 (5) and 1977 (10). Kansas, the host, had 19 at the 1978 tournament.

The Olathe (Kansas) Bass Club of the Deaf was host for this tournament and under the direction of its tournament chairman, Tom Rodgers, handled every detail with finesse. In addition the Olathe club members made several items for permanent use which were donated to the NBAD for use in future tournaments. These included a 4' x 8' formica score board, a large sized NBAD emblem shield, a check out and in case, and a road directional sign with the NBAD emblem on it.

Representatives from 9 recognized bass clubs of the deaf met prior to the tournament to discuss certain rules. It was decided that check-out would be at 5:30 a.m. and check-in at 5 p.m. Copies of a proposed Constitution and By-Laws were handed out to the representatives to take home and discuss with their clubs. It is hoped that the Constitution and By-Laws can be ratified and made effective at the 1979 tournament.

At the end of the tournament an election of officers for 1978-1979 was held. All officers were re-elected. Medford Magill was re-elected president, Charles Marsh, Jr., vice-president, Charles Theel, secretary, Anthony Mowad, treasurer, and the new office of publicity director went to Fred Murphy.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

1st Day	(Number of bass in parenthesis)		Total Weight	
1st	John Lee - Houston, TX.	(1)	5 lb. 4 oz.	
	Wayne Carter - Temple, TX	(1)		
2nd	Nick LeFors - Baton Rouge, LA	(2)	4 lb. 14 oz.	
	Tom Slaton - Baton Rouge, LA	(0)		
3rd	Roger Spivey - Pasadena, TX	(1)	3 lb. 14 oz.	
	Camille Spivey - Pasadena, TX	(0)		
	Lunker Award - Roger Spivey - Pasadena, TX		3 lb. 14 oz.	
2nd Day	1st	Nick LeFors - Baton Rouge, LA	(2)	3 lb. 11 oz.
		Tom Slaton - Baton Rouge, LA	(0)	
	2nd	Neal Barker - Olathe KA	(1)	2 lb. 4 oz.
		Keith Unruh - Spring Hill, KA	(0)	
	3rd	Bubba Lorenz - Sugar Land, TX	(1)	2 lb. 2 oz.
		Mike Price - Wichita, KA	(0)	
		Lunker Award - Neal Barker - Olathe, KA		2 lb. 4 oz.
3rd Day	1st	Jerry Mikus Grand Prairie, TX	(0)	2 lb. 5 oz.
		Alfred Crager - Cleburne, TX	(1)	
	2nd	D. LeBlanc -	(0)	2 lb. 2 oz.
		Hayden Harvard - Houston, TX	(1)	
	3rd	John Lee - Houston, TX	(1)	2 lb.
		Wayne Carter - Temple, TX	(0)	
		Lunker Award - Alfred Crager - Cleburne, TX		2 lb. 5 oz.

<u>FINALS</u>				
Place	Team	No. BASS	Weight	Prize
1	John Lee - Houston, TX			
	Wayne Carter - Temple, TX	4	8 lb. 14 oz.	\$400.00
2	Nick LeFors - Baton Rouge, LA			
	Tom Slaton - Baton Rouge, LA	4	8 lb. 9 oz.	246.00
3	Harry Trahan - Monroe, LA			
	Gene Amons - Deville, LA	2	4 lb. 4 oz.	170.00
4	Roger Spivey - Pasadena, TX			
	Camille Spivey - Pasadena, TX	1	3 lb. 14 oz.	135.00
5	Jack Zook - Noblesville, Ind.			
	Connis Collins - Indianapolis, Ind.	2	3 lb. 11 oz.	125.00
6	Raymond McClintock - Overland, MO			
	Schwall -	2	2 lb. 15 oz.	115.00
7	Jerry Mikus - Grand Prairie, TX			
	Alfred Crager - Cleburne, TX	1	2 lb. 5 oz.	100.00
8	Neal Barker - Olathe, KA			
	Keith Unruh - Spring Hill, KA	1	2 lb. 4 oz.	90.00
9	Lawrence Sims - Kansas City, MO			
	Uel Hurd - Olathe, KA	1	2 lb. 3 oz.	80.00
10	D. LeBlanc -			
	Hayden Harvard - Houston, TX	1	2 lb. 2 oz.	70.00

Daily awards were \$50.00 for 1st; \$25.00 for 2nd; and \$10.00 for 3rd with a trophy for each team member. 27 trophies in all were awarded. Daily "Lunker" award was \$25.00 and trophy. Total cash prizes awarded was \$1,861.00.

At the final business session of the tournament an election of officers for 1978-1979 resulted in the re-election of all incumbent officers. They are, Medford Magill, president; Charles Marsh, Jr., vice-president; Charles Theel, secretary; and Anthony Mowad, treasurer. The office of Publicity Director was created and Fred Murphy was elected to that office.

The 1979 tournament will be at Toledo Bend Reservoir, Hemphill, TX. (on Highway 21), June 12, 13, and 14, 1979 with headquarters at Frontier Park. The Baton Rouge Bass Anglers will be hosts. The 1980 tournament was awarded to the Mobile, Alabama Bass Club and Lake Eufaula was announced as the site.

#### UNOFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RECORDS

(These records are unofficial because the NBAD does not yet have provision for recognition of records and also because I am not sure that I have correct information. Later these records may be made official when they can be verified. Fred Murphy).

##### MOST FISH ON STRINGER (One day)

1976 - James Ashley - Arlington, TX 10 lb. 8 oz.

##### MOST FISH ON STRINGER (Three days)

1977 - Medford Magill - Baton Rouge, LA 19 lb. 8 oz.

##### Largest LUNKER

1976 - John Cloy - Georgetown, LA 7 lb. 11 oz.

(Mr. Cloy was 73 years old when he made this record catch. You're never too old to fish!)

To date competitors in the three annual tournaments have come from the following states:

Louisiana	Texas	Kansas
Alabama	California	Florida
Illinois	Missouri	Indiana
Kentucky		

--and this year one came from Canada!

#### MORE PRIZES

At a drawing on the final night of the tournament the following prizes were given away. Sorry, we do not have the names of the winners. Oops! we do have the winners, here they are!

1. Lew's Speed Spool Reel and Fenwick Graphite Rod - Luther Stack, Austin TX
2. Garcia 2500C Reel and Garcia 8300C Rod - Elmer Stocklein, Hays, KS
3. Ryobi DX2 Reel and Lake King Rod - Fred Moore, Cincinnati, Ohio
4. Coleman Electric Lantern - Billy Pat Winter, Rio Vista, TX
5. Plano 7375 Tackle Box - Duane Bachman, Olathe, KA
6. Plano 7530 Tackle Box - H. R. Graves, Cincinnati, Ohio
7. Ted Head Life Vest - Uel Hurd, Olathe, KA
8. Rebel 800 Tackle Box - G. Simpson, Independence, Mo.
9. Igloo Ice Chest - J. N. Malm, Topeka, KA
10. Universal Spot Light - Fred Murphy, Olathe, KA

#### BASS MASTER OF THE TOURNAMENT

The Bass Master of the Tournament trophy was awarded to Nolan Diaz of Baton Rouge, LA. This trophy was donated by Anthony Mowad and Robert Southwell, co-founders of the NBAD. Diaz won this trophy by demonstrating unselfishness in giving up fishing time to tow in a pontoon boat load of wives and children of tournament contestants that had become stranded out on the lake because of

mechanical trouble. He also summoned aid to help Neal Barker of Olathe who suffered a painful fall while hurrying back to headquarters from the boat dock where he had gone to check his boat late at night. Barker received a deep cut near his eye that required a trip to the hospital in Branson, Mo. where 14 stitches were needed to close up the cut. The trip to the hospital was made by Med-Act ambulance summoned from nearby Kimberly City. At this time Barker has fully recovered from his misfortune.

#### NOTES OF INTEREST

The wives and children of the tournament entrants spent their time at nearby scenic and recreational spots. Some of them took the opportunity to acquire a sun-tan and in some cases, sun burn as well.

The attractive NBAD shields were painted (in oils) by Billy Klingsmith of the Olathe host club. The leaping bass was really a work of art. Billy has a hobby of painting fish and other forms of wild life.

Linda Lou Biggs and Diana Sue Flickner, Olathe Bass Club of the Deaf, claimed the honor of being the first team of women to compete in a NBAD tournament. Evidently the fish have not heard of ERA yet because the two feminine anglers failed to get even a nibble.

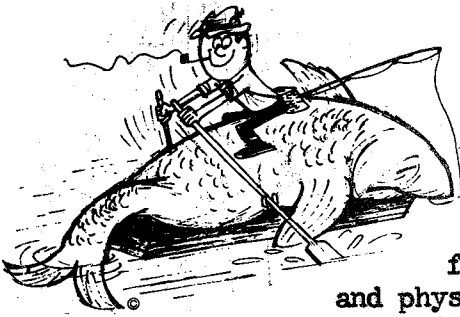
Theodore Kellner of St. Louis, MO who is 89 years young drove down to watch the tournament and do a little fishing from the bank of the lake. He also reported the fish were no respecters of the aged.

Don Franke, manager of the boat dock, was prepared to communicate—he had pad and pencil handy, also a blackboard and chalk, and as if this was not enough he also had a typewriter ready. He told of his aunt who used to cook at a school for the deaf on north Grand Avenue in St. Louis, MO. His assistant, whom we knew only as Joe, has a deaf daughter attending Gallaudet College.

Robert Southwell, co-founder of the NBAD, has organized the Oklahoma Bass Club of the Deaf and staged its 1st Annual Individual Tournament at Lake Eufaula (Oklahoma) with headquarters at Fountainhead State Park on I 40 or US69. We hope Bob will furnish us with the results of this tournament for the next issue of this news letter. Incidentally the newly married Southwells made a pretty picture at the Table Rock tournament.

As of this date we have record of the following BASS clubs of the Deaf. If you know of any more, please let us know so we can send them the NBAD Tackle Box (newsletter).

- Olathe (KA) Bass Club of the Deaf
- Baton Rouge (LA) Deaf Bass Anglers
- Cenla Bass Club of the Deaf (LA)
- Austin (TX) Sportsmen Club of the Deaf
- Houston (TX) Bass Club of the Deaf
- Northeast Louisiana Bass Club of the Deaf
- Six Flags Bass Club of the Deaf (TX)
- Shreveport (LA) Bass Club of the Deaf
- Dallas (TX) Bass Anglers of the Deaf
- Louisiana Bass Club of the Deaf
- Texas Bass Club of the Deaf
- North Carolina Bass Club of the Deaf
- Mobile (ALA) Bass Club of the Deaf
- Oklahoma Bass Club of the Deaf



### YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD TO FISH!

Fishing is one sport that knows no age limit. While participants in most other sports tend to slow down with age, it seems that fishermen get better as the years slip by. It seems that when a person goes fishin' he gets away from all his worldly cares and finds peace and solitude that renews him both spiritually and physically. Even if he spends an entire day without a nibble he does not feel that his time has been wasted and he is always ready to go out again and try his luck with the finny tribe.

Fishin' for BASS not only fills one with a sense of pride when he returns with a loaded stringer (and frustration when his stringer is empty). The BASS is not an easy fish to catch. When "hooked" the BASS will fight for all he is worth.

The NBAD was organized to give deaf BASS fishermen a chance to get together and demonstrate their prowess. As the boats leave the dock in the early morning there is an air of anticipation evident. Determination is written over every face and stays there all day whether or not the BASS are biting. The boats must be back at a certain time and as they come in one can read success or failure on the faces of the tired fishermen. Those who have caught BASS have wide smiles on their faces as they give the "thumbs up" salute while others who have not met with success show dejection as they give the "thumbs down" signal. And, the next morning it is done all over again.

You're never too old to fish! Make up your mind now to be at the next NBAD National BASS Tournament at Toledo Bend Reservoir, Hemphill, Texas, June 12, 13, and 14, 1979. You will never be sorry that you were at this event.

### DID THIS EVER HAPPEN TO YOU ?

Medford Magill, president of NBAD, and defending champion at the recent Table Rock tournament, failed to catch a single BASS over the legal 15 inch limit during the tournament. So, on his way home he decided to try his luck in Black River. As he and his niece were drifting down the river and casting toward the bank with a Zara Spook plug, he hooked two (yes, TWO) BASS at the same time. One weighed one pound and the other weighed three pounds. The smaller BASS was hooked by the mid-section hooks and the larger BASS was hooked on the rear hooks. Medford has decided to have that lure stuffed and mounted (sic).

### ANTHONY'S electric EYE LURE

Anthony Mowad was showing a very unique lure that had lighted eyes, powered by a small sized battery like those used in hearing aids. This lure is priced at \$7.50. We were not able to find out if the lure was effective so we can only guess that it either attracted fish or scared them away. What we really need is a lure fashioned along the lines of the controversial cruise missile that will cruise around and when it comes upon a lunker politely invite the lunker to accompany it. On second thought, such a lure would probably spell the end of BASS tournaments.

### OUR FRIEND FROM CANADA

Ken Roberts drove down from Canada to participate in the Table Rock Tournament and brought his boat with him. When he saw the classy BASS boats belonging to some of the entrants he may have felt a little out of place. Tom Rodgers, tournament chairman, took Ken for a ride in his BASS boat and when they got back Ken's hair was standing on end. We're expecting Ken back for next year's tournament and our bet is that he will have a new boat then.

This is all, folks.