

NBAD Tackle Box

EVERYTHING IS IN IT OR IT ISN'T BASS NEWS

Despite the onslaughts of Hurricane Frederick that hit Mobile last fall, the Mobile Bass Club of the Deaf has everything ready for the 5th Annual N. B. A. D. Tournament, June 17, 18, and 19, 1980. Headquarters are at Chewalla Mariana, Eufaula, Alabama (on Highway 431 North) and the 45,000 acres of Lake Eufaula are waiting to test the mettle of the deaf BASS fishermen (and women, too).

If there are 100 entries the pay-off will total \$2,000.00. There will be trophies also and many other prizes--but the best prize of all is seeing friends once more, hearing about the big ones that got away, and of course, fishin'. What more could one ask?

There has not been very much communication between the host club and the NBAD officers. The first issue of the NBAD TACKLE BOX did not create very much enthusiasm among the various bass clubs that could result in their sending in news for this issue. However, with the little information I have I will try to make this issue interesting if only for the purpose of preserving records. It has been very difficult to get coverage for the tournament since the editors of other publications seem to think that purchasing advertising space should be a prerequisite for giving space in their columns.

I went to the annual Sport Show in Kansas City the later part of January. Not having any flyers for the Eufaula tournament I had about 50 Xerox copies made and took them with me. I left them with the different manufacturers' representatives that had booths at the show. They were willing to talk to me and assured me that they would turn in the flyers to their companies for possible action and/or donations but this was all and I have no way to know if my trip to the Sport Show produced results or not.

Anyway, here is hoping that the gas situation will not interfere with the success of the Eufaula tournament.

Here is a report from NBAD president that will interest and amuse you:

"I was feeling lucky with my new rod and tackle, and, sure enough, I caught two nice three-pounders on my first few casts. Then I hooked what felt like a whooper. But all of a sudden I heard a cracking noise, and the end of my pole broke off.

The next day, I mailed the rod back to the factory with this explanation: "Snapped while trying to catch a five-pound shad on the Sacramento River".

Shortly thereafter, my replacement pole arrived. I was busy looking it over when I glanced at my husband and saw a big grin spreading over his face. He handed me the packing slip on which was printed in large letters: "WHERE ON THE SACRAMENTO RIVER?"

Now, lets get back to last year's tournament.

It appears that the 1978 tournament record of 82 entries still stands as the 1979 tournament reports list 70 entries. Here is the year by year count:

1976	62
1977	74
1978	82
1979	70

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We do not have the count by states in the 1979 report so are not able to give the number of entries from different states. However, we will risk a guess that Texas had the most entries--you can always depend on Texas to do things in a big way!

Minutes of the meeting of representatives indicate that 12 representatives were present in addition to the officers. Two officers were absent (Theel and Murphy) and the meeting produced some very beneficial changes in NBAD policies. One change was made--the offices of secretary and treasurer were combined into one office. At the election of officers all incumbents were retained by acclamation.

Here are the daily results:

First day (Number of bass in parenthesis)	Total Weight
1st Bubba Lorenz (8)	12 lb. 5 oz.
Clifton West (2)	
2nd Medford Magill (3)	8 lb. 3 oz.
Charles Marsh (3)	
3rd Harry Trahan (3)	7 lb. 0 oz.
Jimmy Semon (2)	
Lunker Award Wright Shaneyfelt 3 lb. 4 oz.	

Second Day

1st Harry Trahan (3)	7 lb. 9 oz.
Jimmy Semon (1)	
2nd Nick LeFors (3)	7 lb. 0 oz.
Eddie Wood (4)	
3rd Wayne Carter (2)	6 lb. 3 oz.
Luther Green (0)	
Lunker Award Wayne Carter 4 lb. 8 oz.	

Third Day

1st Roger Spivey (3)	12 lb. 2 oz.
Camille Spivey (7)	
2nd Carl Dupree (5)	10 lb. 6 oz.
Gene Amon (3)	
3rd Connie Collins (0)	7 lb. 9 oz.
Jack Zook (5)	
Lunker Award Harry Trahan 4 lb. 14 oz.	

FINALS

<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>No. Bass</u>	<u>Weight</u>
1	Harry Trahan-J. Semon	11	20 lb. 6 oz.
2	B. Lorenz-C. West	15	20 lb. 4 oz.
3	R. Spivey-C. Spivey	15	17 lb. 15 oz.
4	C. Dupree-G. Amon	11	13 lb. 14 oz.
5	W. Carter-L. Green	7	11 lb. 15 oz.
6	N. LeFors-E. Wood	11	11 lb. 15 oz.
7	C. Collins-J. Zook	9	11 lb. 5 oz.
8	M. Magill-C. Marsh	8	9 lb. 14 oz.
9	L. Whittington-R. Steele	5	8 lb. 0 oz.
10	J. Mikus-A. Crager	4	7 lb. 12 oz.

Our face is red--closer scrutiny of the records reveal the states from which the contestants came. We guessed right (even if there were four that had no state listed) Texas sent 29; Louisiana 21, Kansas and Alabama 3 each; Indiana, Florida, Wisconsin and Missouri 2 each; and one apiece from Kentucky and Arkansas. 10 states were represented.

The records furnished do not list the amount of prize money won by the daily and final winners. Harry Trahan's lunker (4 lb. 14 oz.) fell far short of the record lunker caught by John Cloy in 1976 (7 lb. 11 oz.) Wonder if Cloy is still fishing somewhere.

No records of winners in drawings and also the Bass Master trophy. Here's hoping this year's tournament committee will keep records.

No accidents were reported.

Although it is apparent that more fish were caught than at Toledo Bend the following records (unofficial) still stand:

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.

The OLATHE BASS CLUB OF THE DEAF has held two regular monthly tournaments so far and despite all they can do not a single legal size bass has been caught. We tried to find out why this was so and everyone we asked had a different reason. It seems like the only reason we can accept is that the bass simply were not in the mood to take any of the wide assortment of lures that the Olathe fishermen used.

Harold Ensley, the "Sportsman's Friend" was the speaker at the Olathe Bass Club's annual award banquet. Ensley has had a regular TV sport program for many years and the members of the Olathe Bass Club for the Deaf enjoyed his long talk about his experiences. He strongly urged the members of the club to release their catches that were not "lunker size" in order that they could grow larger in time and help maintain the diminishing bass population.

The Constitution and By Laws have finally been printed and will be available at the Eufaula tournament. Thanks are due to vice-president Charles Marsh and his helpers for seeing this through from the beginning to the finished product. Members should study this little booklet to become familiar with the regulations that were made in order to make NBAD function harmoniously.

Remember to put your number sticker on your outboard motor where it can be seen at check-out and check-in. Be sure to check-in on time--you can be disqualified if you are late. And, be sure to observe the mariana's speed limits upon leaving or approaching the dock. (NOTE--if there is a official check-out/check-in clock, be sure to check your watches by it. The NBAD officers have a reputation of being tough in following the rules.

NBAD's 3-M trio (Magill, Mowad, and Murphy) are concurrently serving in other capacities as officials. Magill is Southern Vice-President of N. F. S. D., Mowad is president of the Louisiana Association of the Deaf, and Murphy is president of the Kansas Association of the Deaf. The 4th "M" (Marsh) is winning his laurels in a different category--girls' volleyball coach of the year. Maybe there's magic in the letter "M".

The Olathe Bass Club of the Deaf has started a 5-pound or over club for its members. Every time a member catches a 5-pounder (in tournaments only) he will have his name engraved on a plaque that hangs in the club's meeting room. To date no one has qualified yet.

Boat decals will be ready at this year's tournament. They are "beauts" and should be on every member's bass boat.

If we are not mistaken the trophies for this year's tournament should be real beauties. 27 plaques will be offered this year so there should be enough to make the competition a little fiercer.

The only bass club that we have heard from--and it happens to be our own club--is the Olathe Bass Club. 1979 winners were: 1st - Tom Rodgers; 2nd - Charles Marsh; 3rd - Billy Klingensmith. Tom also won the Lunker Trophy and the Sportsmanship Trophy went to Keith Unruh.

We wonder how well you know fish. Here are some questions to ask yourself to test your knowledge.

1. How far do fish see?
2. Do fish hear sound?
3. Can fish talk?
4. Are fish intelligent?
5. Do fish have a memory?
6. Do fish sleep?
7. What colors do fish see the furthest?
8. Why do fish strike?
9. Can fish smell?
10. Do fish have a sense of taste?

After you have tried to answer the above questions--let's look at the answers.

1. Bass see no further than 20 feet.
2. Fish have inner ears known as otoliths, located in a chamber on either side of the rear part of the skull. The function of the otolith is to control the fishes' balance and hear with. At least we have never heard of anyone catching a deaf fish.
3. Yes. Submarine radar personnel are often bothered by the noise of talking fish.
4. No one will ever admit that the bass is a "dumb" fish--in fact almost every bass fisherman has been outsmarted time and time again.
5. Fish have memory but not the lasting kind.
6. Although fish do not close their eyes they do sleep in a state of suspended animation.
7. Orange, yellow, and white are green are visible to fish further than other colors.
8. Most fish strike because they are hungry. At least we never heard of the fish walking out for better fishing conditions.
9. Fish have very small nostrils--what do you think they use them for?
10. Fish have little taste organs over their lips, tongues, and mouths with nerves leading from them to the fish's brain.

This information came from Herter's Manual of Fishing--everyone knows of Herter, a reputable and long time supplier of fishing tackle.