



ARLINGTON BASS CLUB NEWSLETTER April 2009

President's Message

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

If you need a partner for the upcoming tournament please call one of the tournament directors listed below, they will try to help you.

Bubba Sanders
469-235-7229

Jeff Franklin
214-734-1727

Gary Ronning
682-518-5324

Bill Swiger
817-465-0120

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 7, 2009
ABC MEETING
7:00 pm
Coker's BBQ

April 18 & 19
ABC Tournament
LAKE FORK
Sat. 5:00 – 2:00.
Sun. 5:00 – 2:00

COOKOUT CONTACT

Charlie Ford
Gary Vick

Greetings ABC members and families. March started with some warm days and nights until the week of the tournament. A cold front brought us some much needed rain that dropped the water temps about 10 degrees. Statuary and Sunday were cloudy and cool but that didn't stop anglers from catching some really nice fish and limits.

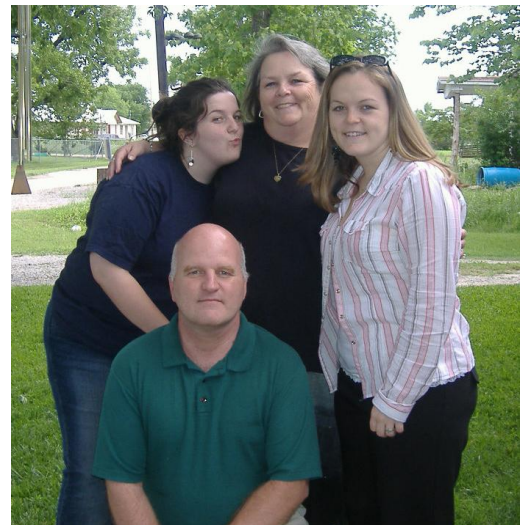
Please use caution when returning your fish to the water from a dock so that you don't go in with them. For more on this ask Bryan the technique he chose to use. The judges gave him a 10 on the entry. Thankfully it was Sunday and he had some dry clothes to change into because it would have been a cool ride in the back of the truck home.

Once again we had another great cookout. Charlie and Gary got started on the food while the fish were being weighed. Please take the time to join us for the good food at these cookouts. You cannot go to town and get food like this for \$5.00.

Charlie Ford is still looking for volunteers to take a soldier fishing in June on Lake Whitney. See our web site or Charlie for all the details.

Featured Angler for March 2009

Allen Ehlers joined the club in February of 2009. He found out about the Arlington Bass Club by searching the internet and finding our website. Allen visited with us at the Tackle show in January and decided to join. He grew up on San Juan Island fishing a lot and spent summers at his grandparents in Leavenworth Washington fishing for rainbow trout and steelheads on the river. He likes to walk a zara spook jr. and throw a watermelon seed baby brush hog. His biggest bass is 5.90 that was caught on Lake O' the Pines on a rapala DT6. His favorite body of water to fish is Lake Caddo. Allen still has family on San Juan Island but calls Texas his home. He has been married to his wife Shawn for twenty-seven years and they have two daughters Sabrina and Samantha. He feels very lucky to be where he is today and says the ABC members know how to make a guy feel WELCOME!



March Tournament

Weather didn't slow the fishing down. We had 23 teams compete that caught 106 fish that weighed 274.8 pounds. Division I results are as follows:

First Place Bubba Sanders and Jeff Franklin 31.90
Second Place Terry Bollom and Shawn Temple 28.05
Third Place Kevin Atkinson and Bruce Fisk 20.80
Big Bass Billy Rowland 7.35

Division II results:

First Place Melvin Bachman and Casey Brooks 5.55
Second Place Dalton Lewis 3.60

Yes a Calcutta fish was caught so the pot will start over at Lake Fork. The Fish came from Lake Quitman Sunday around 8am. It was caught on a 7-inch watermelon red lizard under a dock in 6 feet of water.

Top Six after March

Jeff Franklin	35.86
Bill Swiger	35.10
Brandon Adamcik	30.94
Bubba Sanders	30.92
Bill Wilcox	29.67
Sammy Daniels	28.15

April Tournament

We are headed to Lake Fork for spring fishing. Popes Landing will be the site of weigh-in. Hours are 5am- 2pm for this optional day format. Remember the slot 16-24 and you can only have 1 over fish. Please be careful as there will lots of boats on the water at this time of the year.

Looks as if there will be a fish cook out of some sort on Saturday. This is in the early stages of planning so I do not have the details. I will tell you if this is the case then bring your appetite.

April Meeting

Our meeting is Tuesday, April 7 at 7pm @ Cokers BBQ. Joe Venable has Trey McAlpin coming to speak to us about finesse fishing. Please come early to eat and visit. Hope to see everyone there.

Tournament Rules

Get a copy of the 2009 rules at the meeting and I will also email a copy out. The board met this month and clarified some of the rules as to team fees at tournaments and a short fish penalty. Tournament directors will cover these changes at the meeting.